

Advanced Data Structures & Algorithm Analysis

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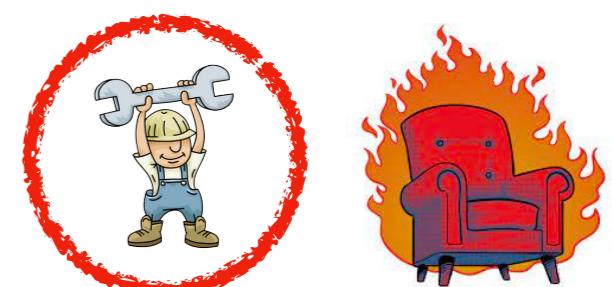


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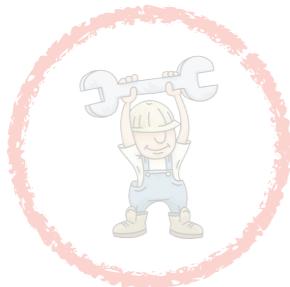


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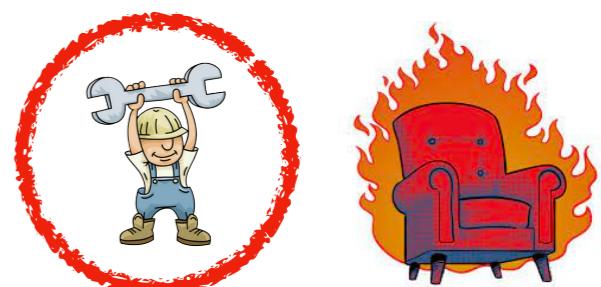
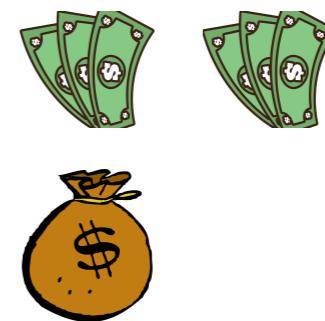


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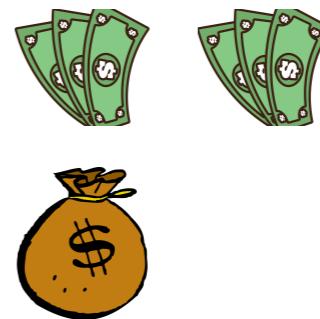


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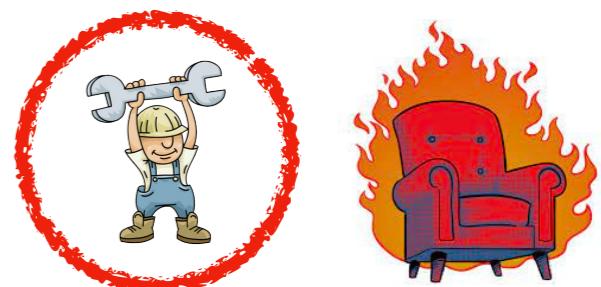
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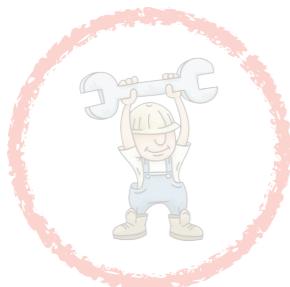


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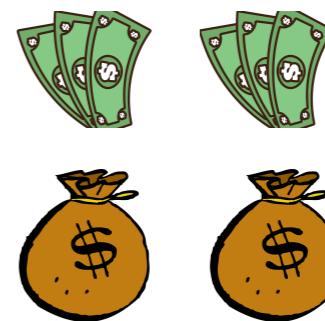
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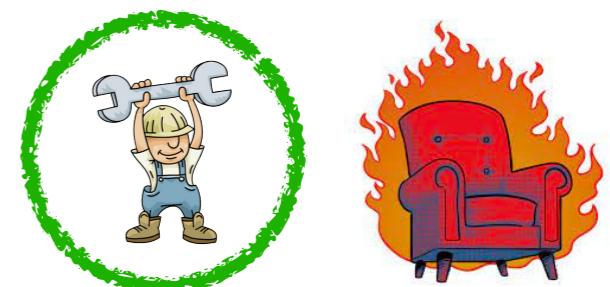


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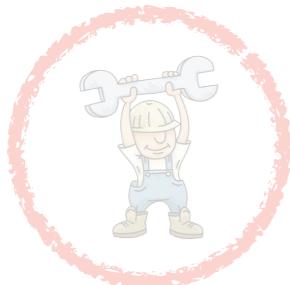
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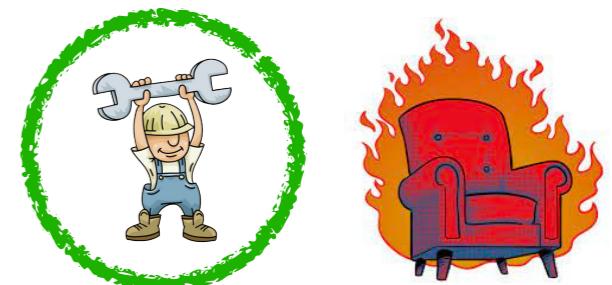
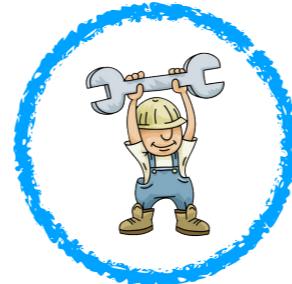
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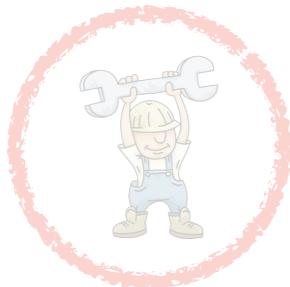


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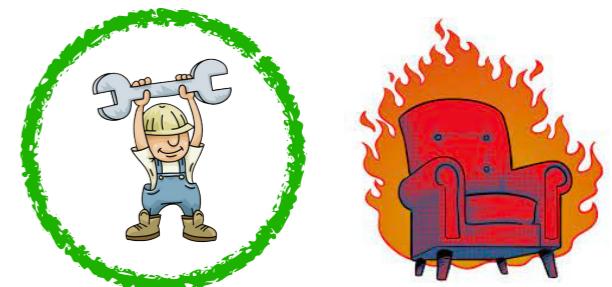
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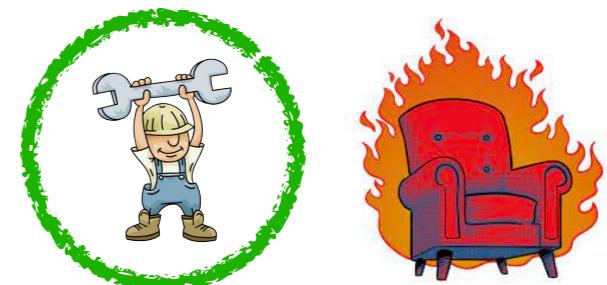
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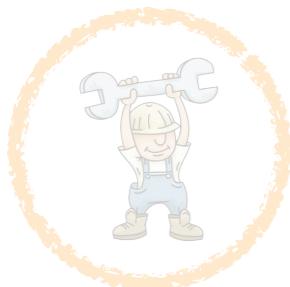


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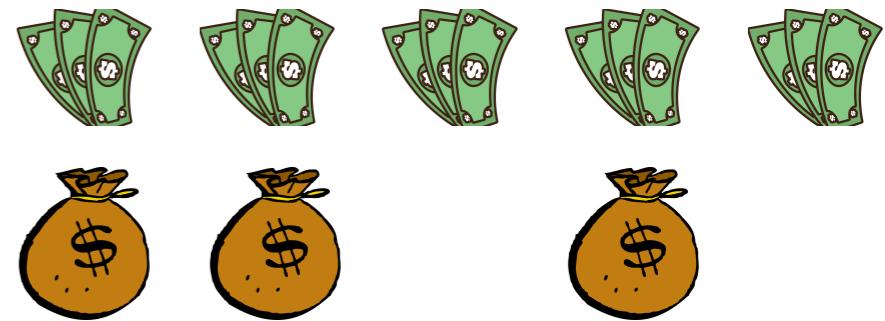


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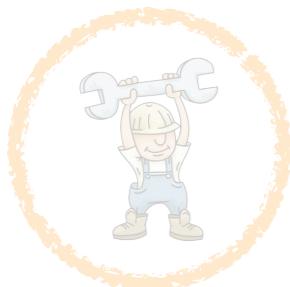
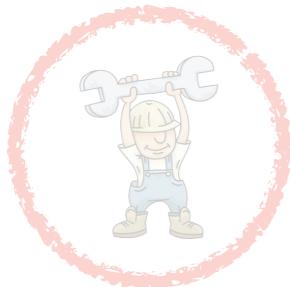


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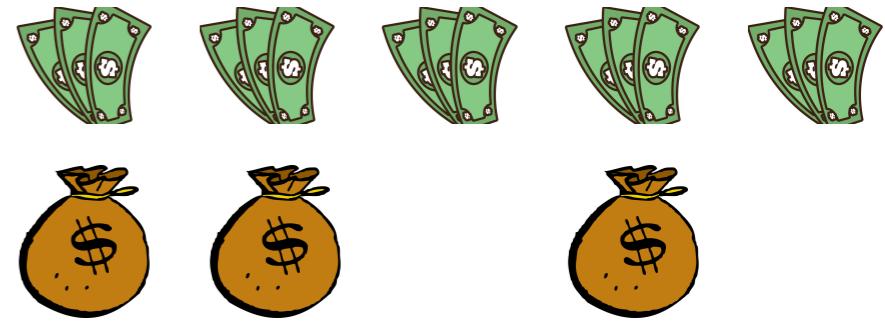


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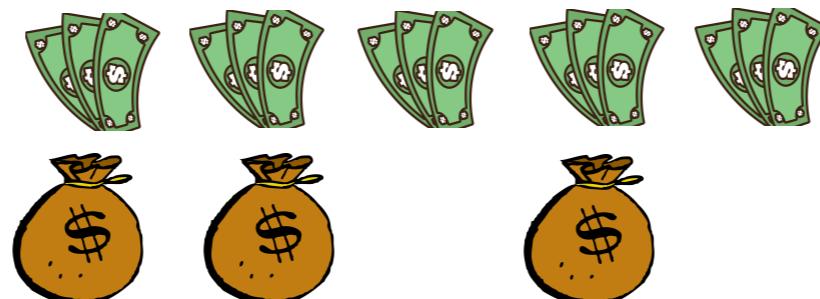


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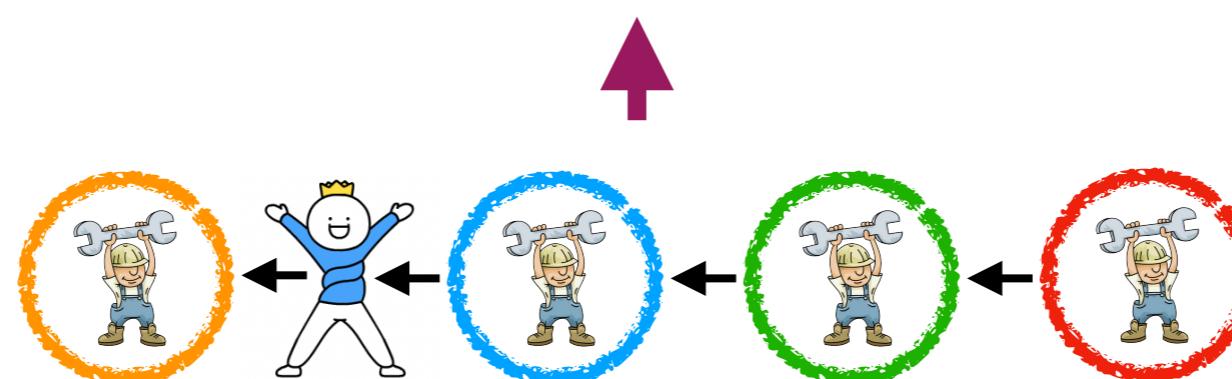
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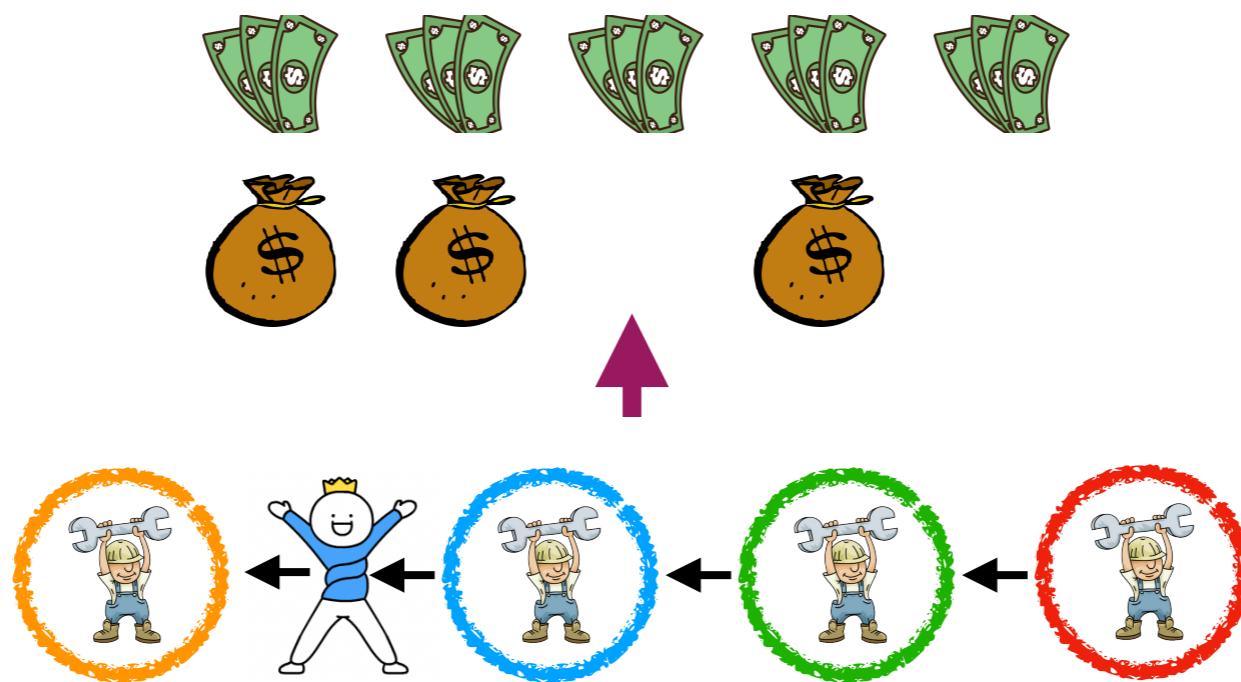
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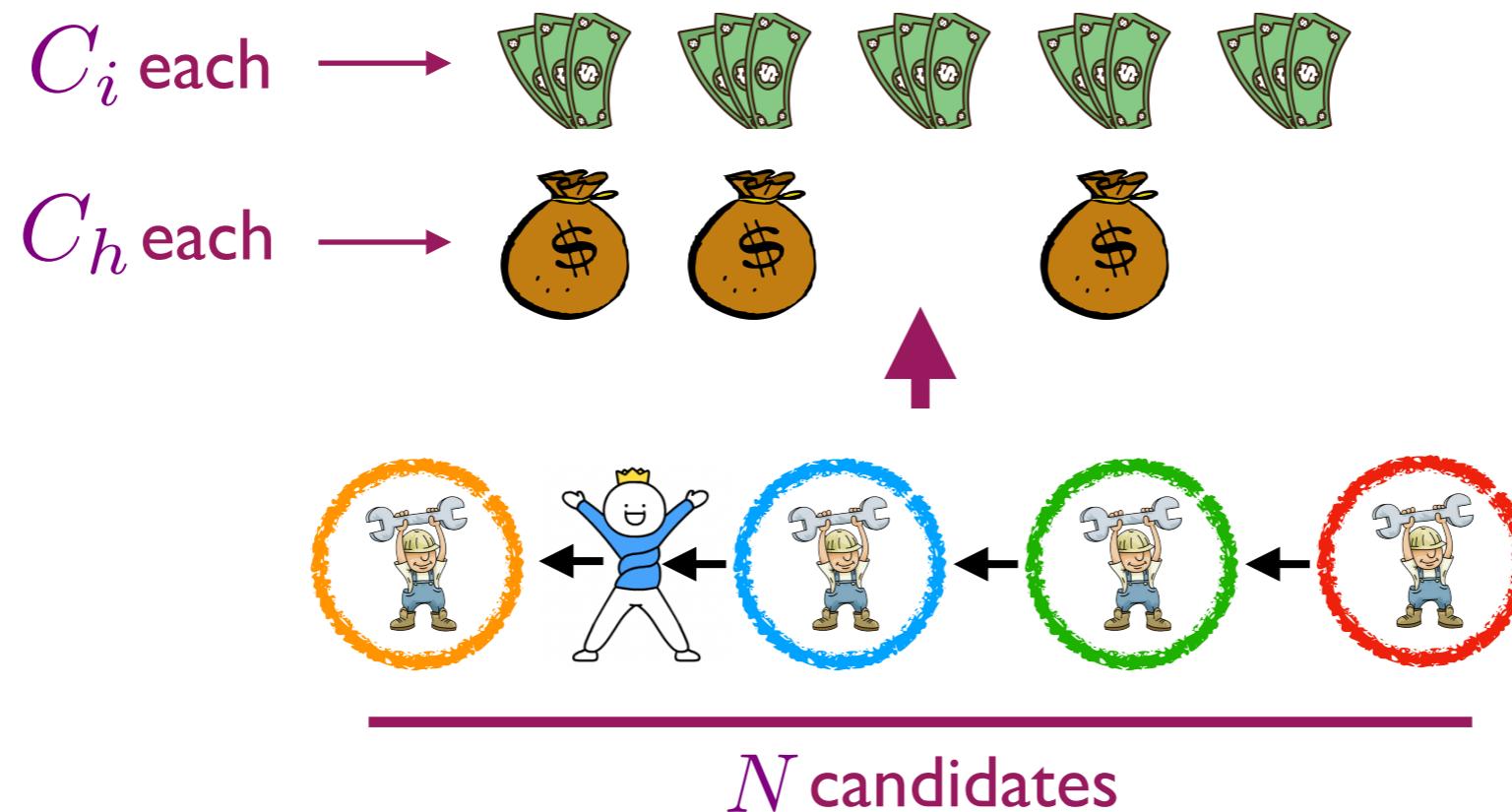
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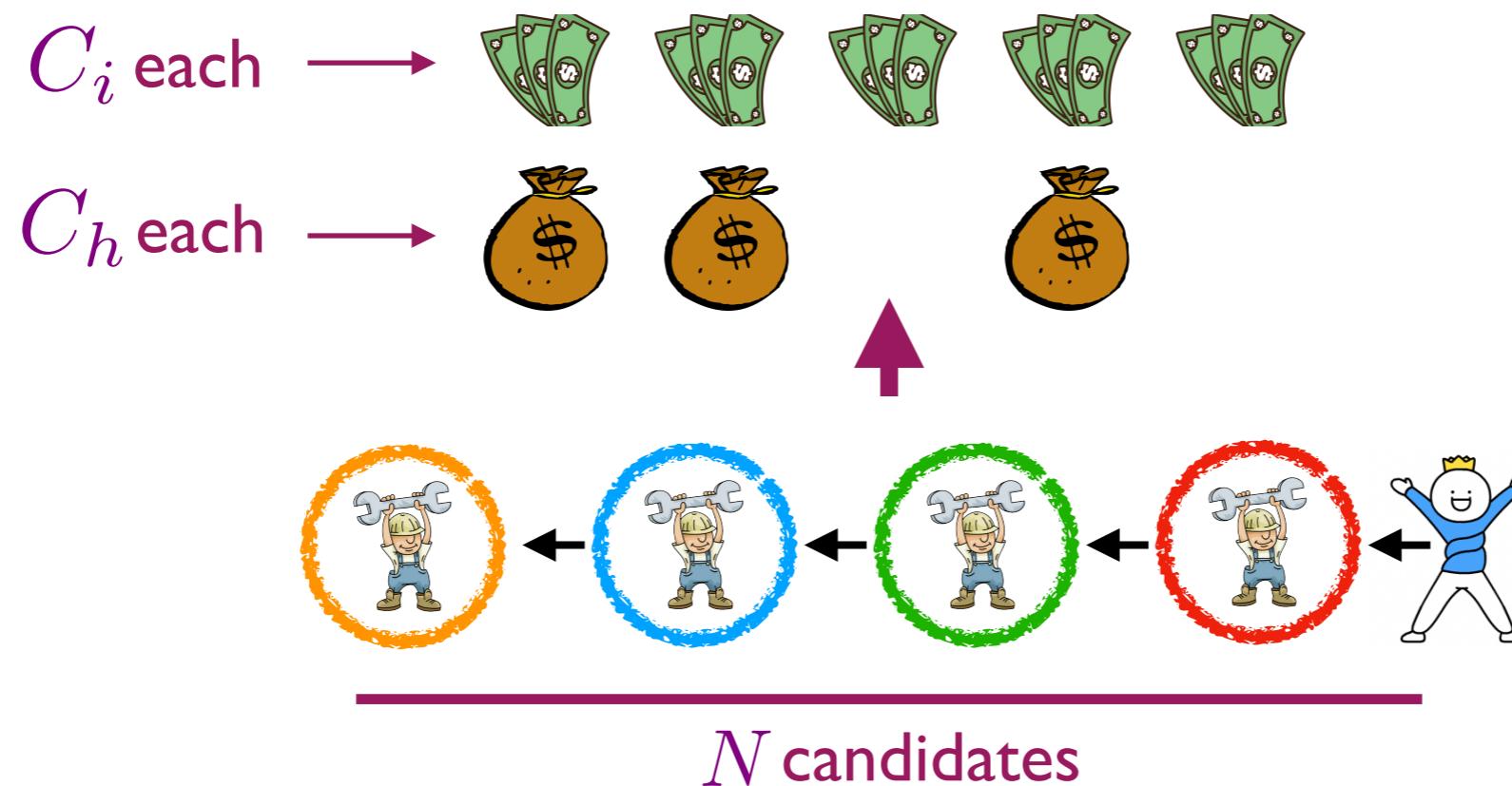
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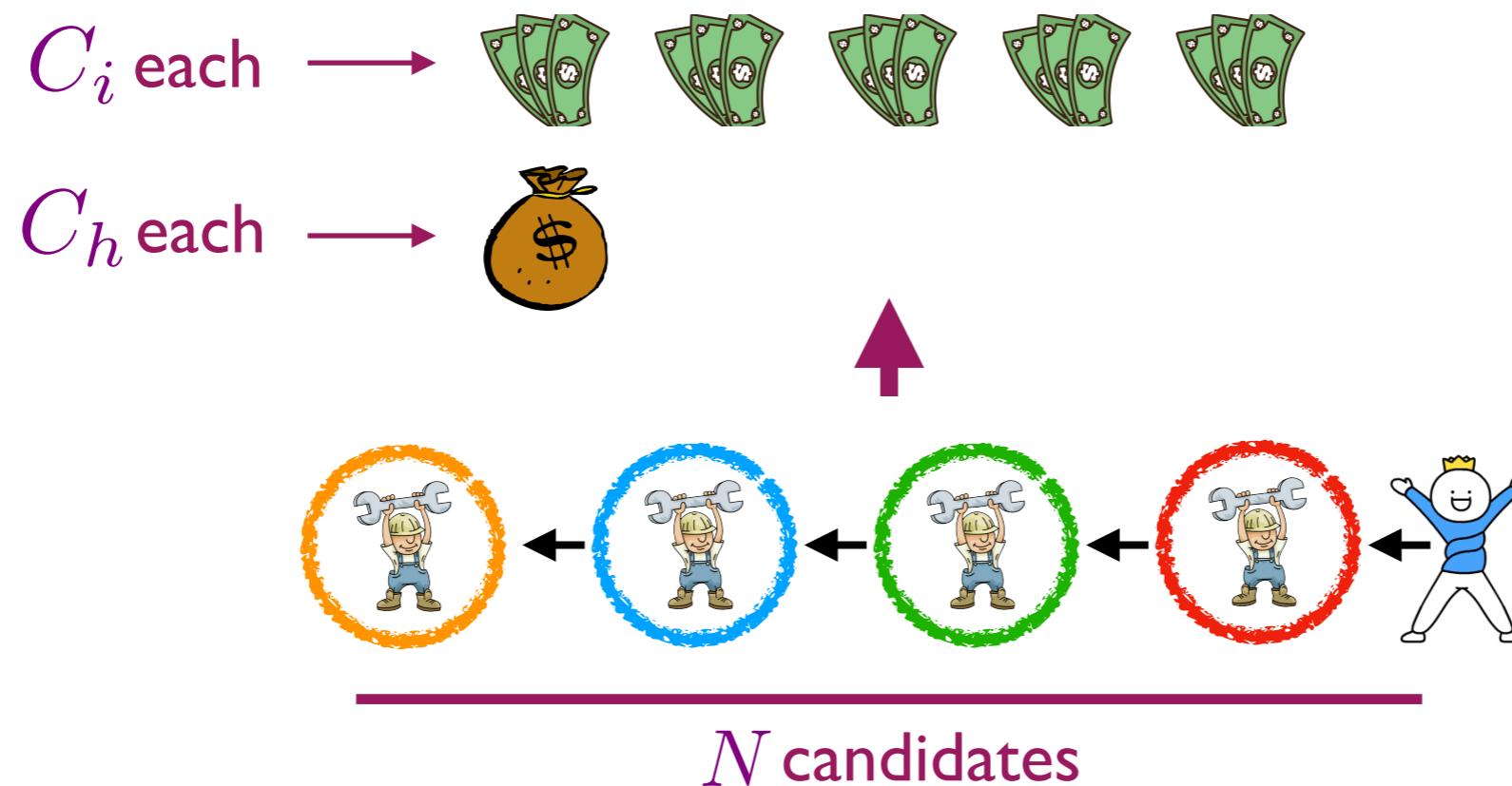
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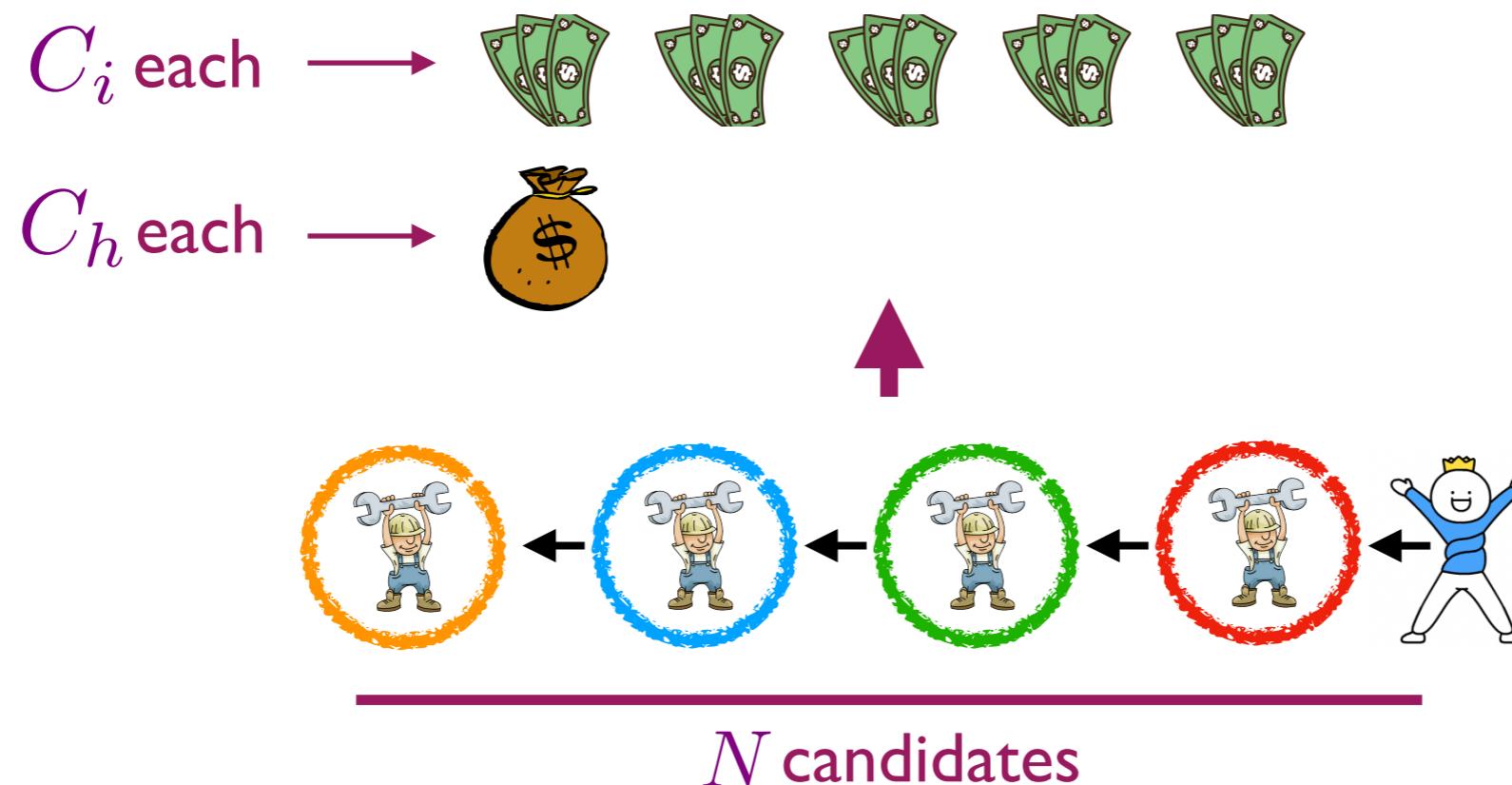
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- Time complexity is always $O(N)$.
- More meaningful to consider the total cost on C_h .
- Related to finding the maximum of an array: winner stays.
But need to minimize the number of winner changes.

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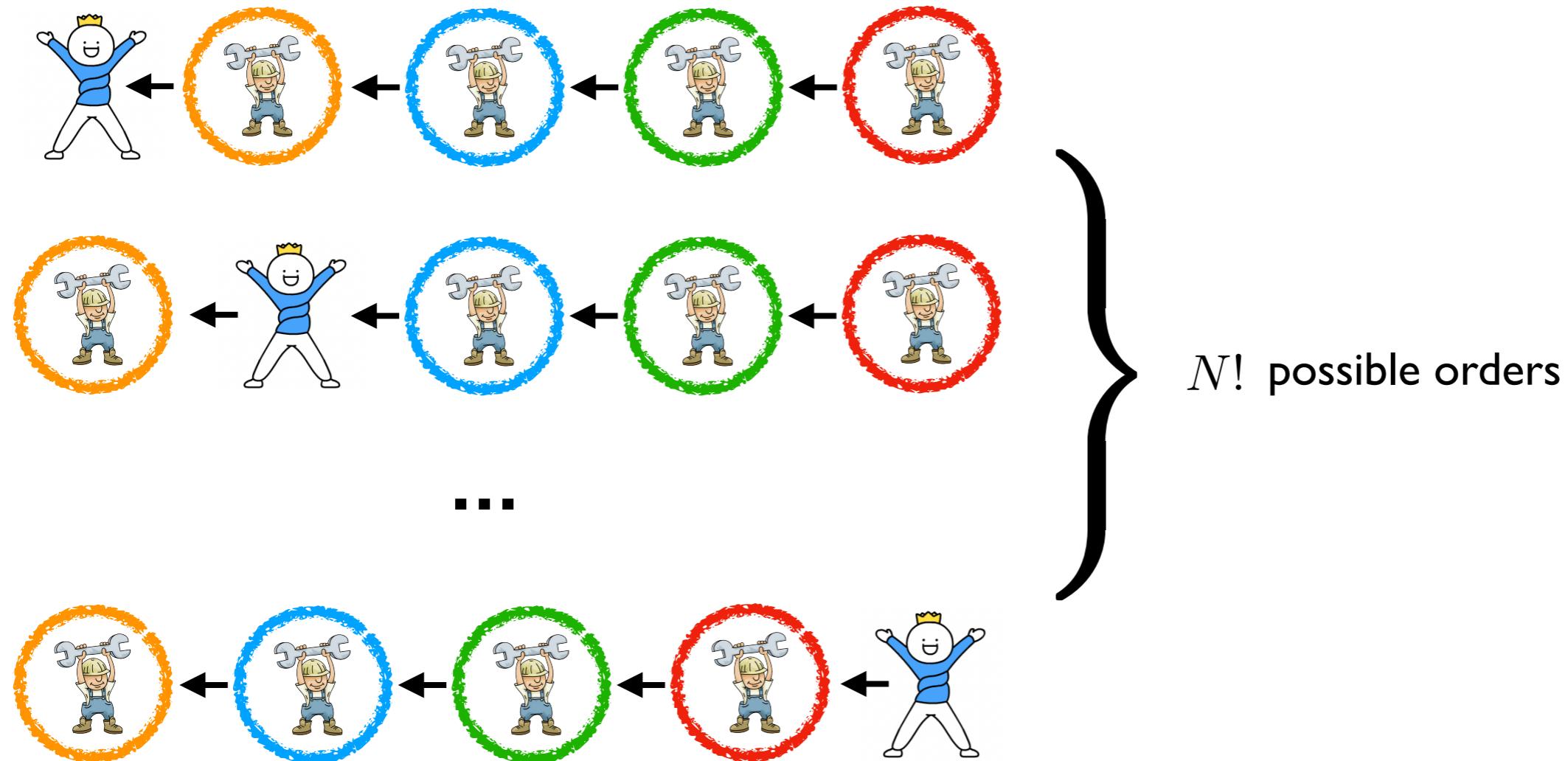
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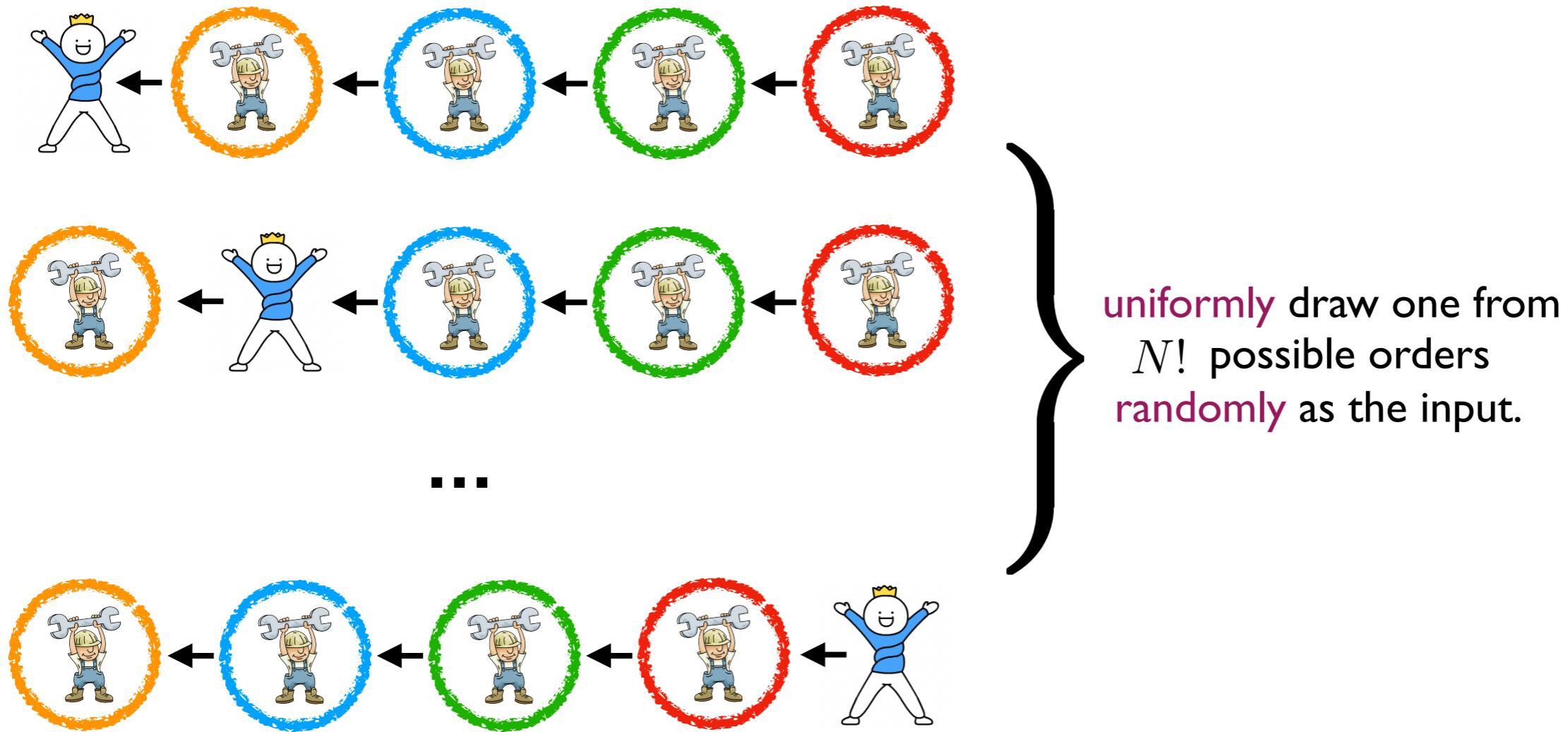
Worst case: fully reverse order with NC_h cost.

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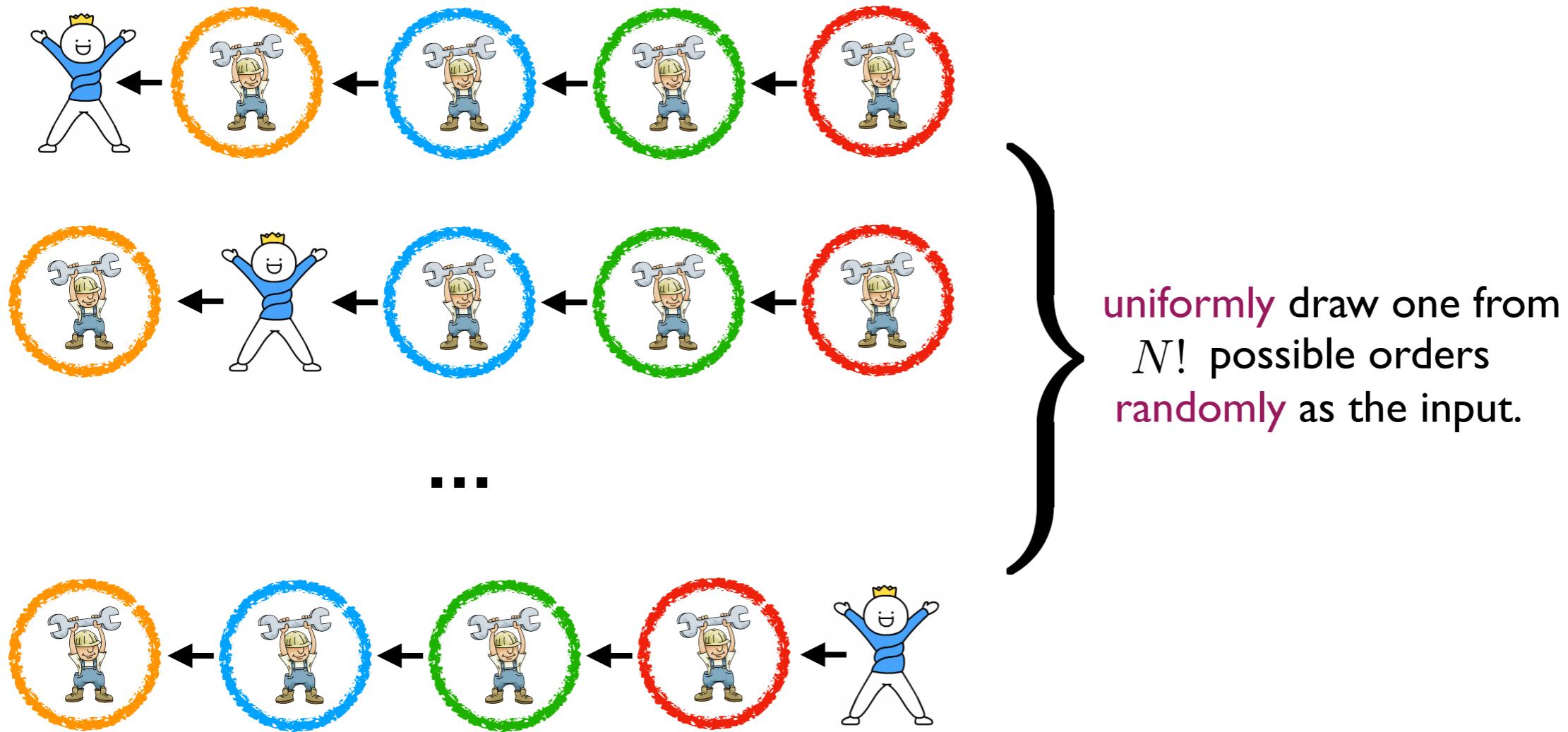
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- Assumption: all inputs can appear with equal chance.

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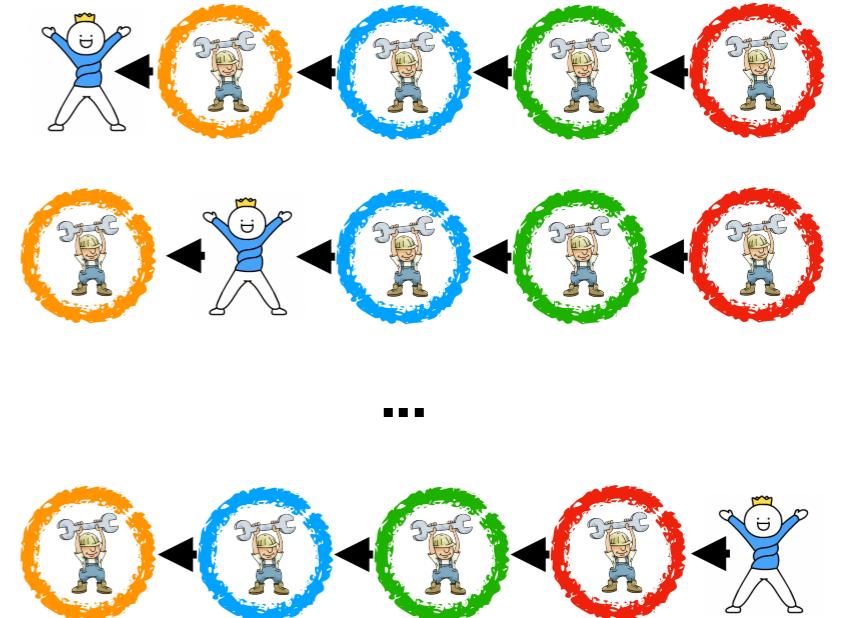
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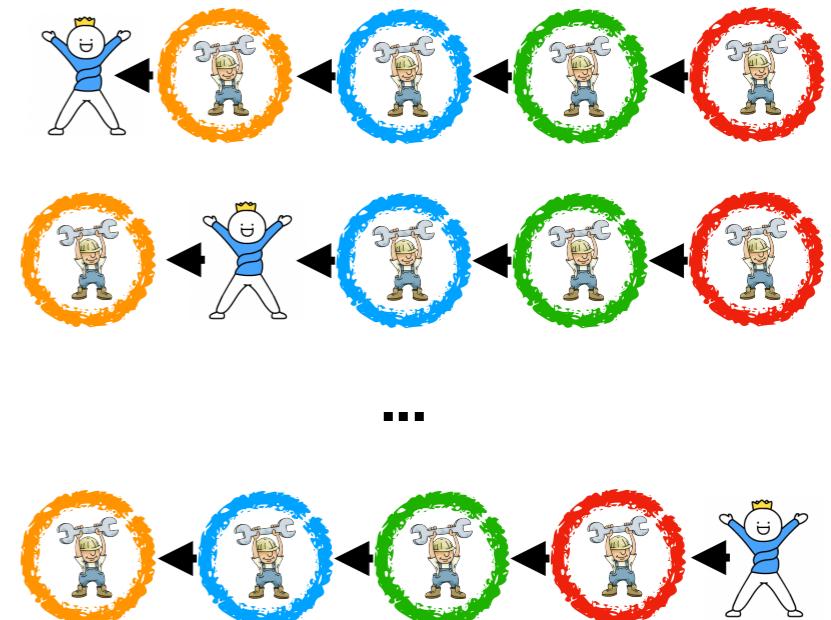
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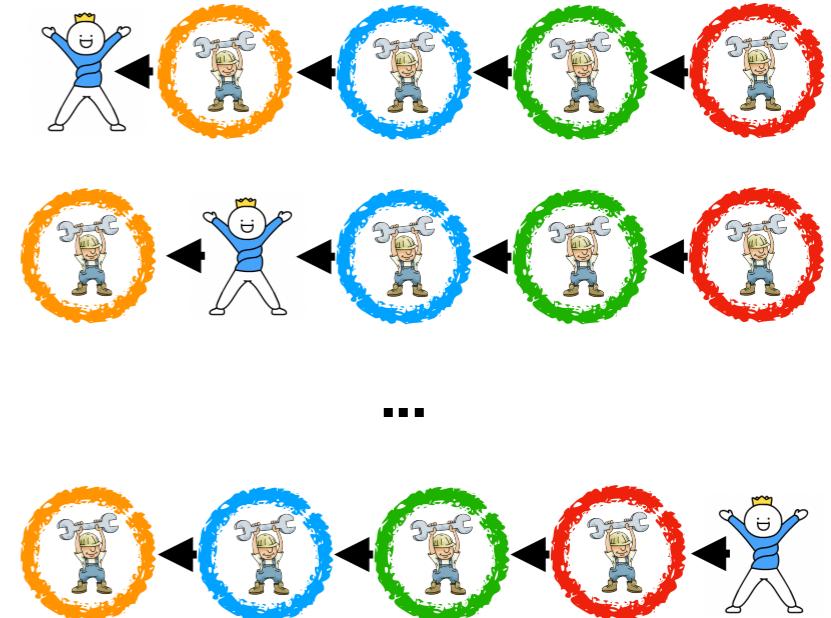
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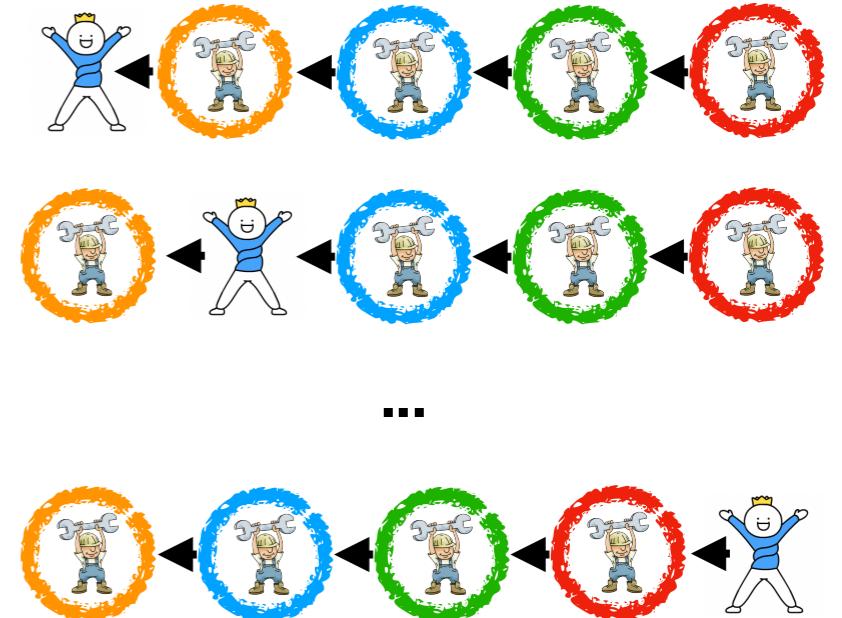


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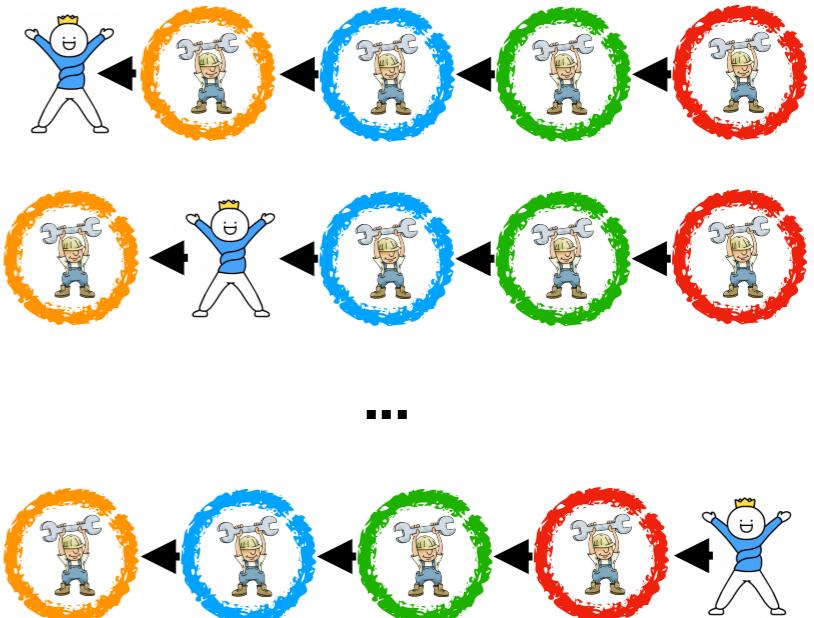
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Obviously, the average cost remains the same to the original algorithm.
While even for the worst input case, we can expect the average cost!
In many problems, randomization is a strong technique to reduce
the worst-case complexity.

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Claim: PermuteBySorting produces a *uniform random permutation* of the input, assuming all priorities are distinct.

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Randomization in Algorithm Design

Randomized algorithms has steps where randomness are injected, resulted in two types of algorithms:

- Monte-Carlo algorithm:
 - Deterministic running time
 - Return correct result with probability
- Las Vegas algorithm:
 - Randomized running time
 - Always return the correct result



Relaxation is necessary for dealing with hard computation problems.

Randomized Algorithms

- Hiring problem: probabilistic analysis
- Randomized hiring algorithm
- **Randomized quicksort**
- Min-cut and max-cut
- Take-home messages

3-WAY PARTITIONING



Goal. Given an array A and pivot element p , partition array so that:

- Smaller elements in left subarray L .
- Equal elements in middle subarray M .
- Larger elements in right subarray R .

Challenge. $O(n)$ time and $O(1)$ space.



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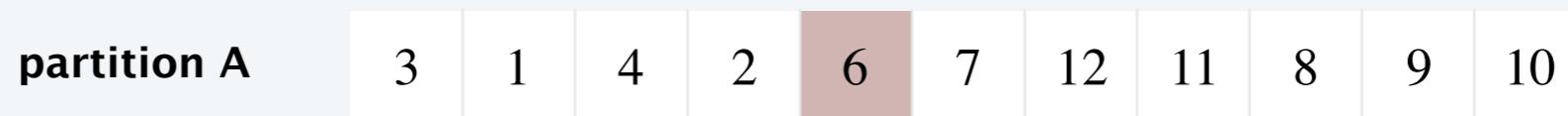


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IF (array A has zero or one element)

RETURN.

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$\text{RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT}(L)$. $\longleftarrow T(i)$

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$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{new analysis required} \\ (i \text{ is a random variable—depends on } p) \end{array} \right]$

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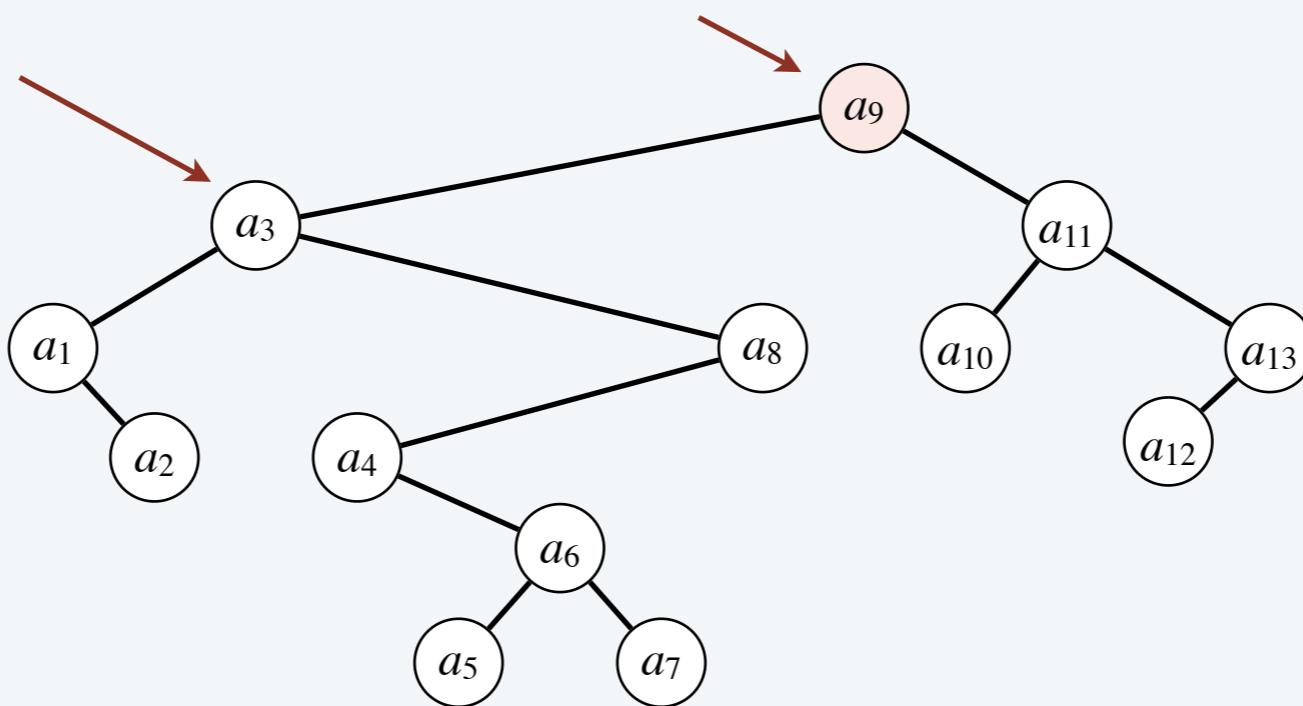
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the original array of elements A



first pivot in left subarray

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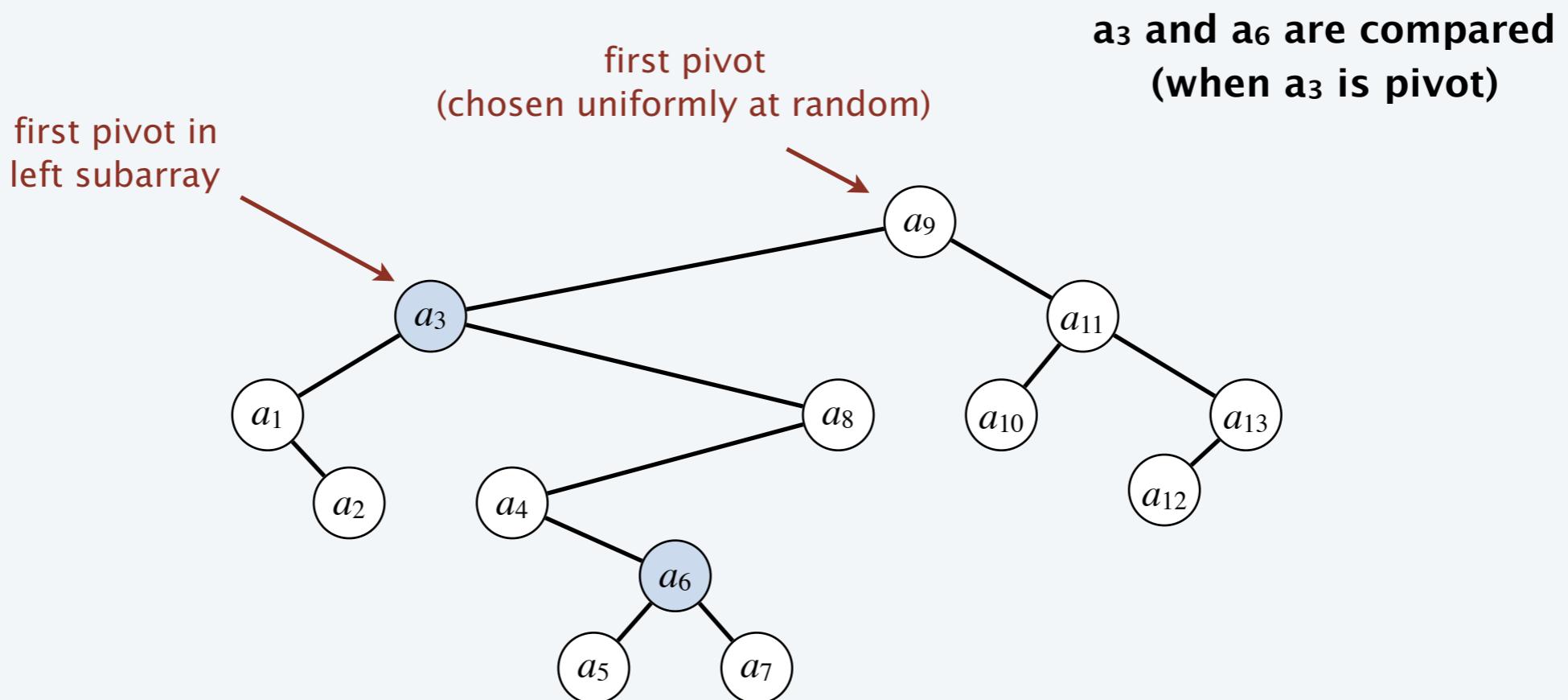


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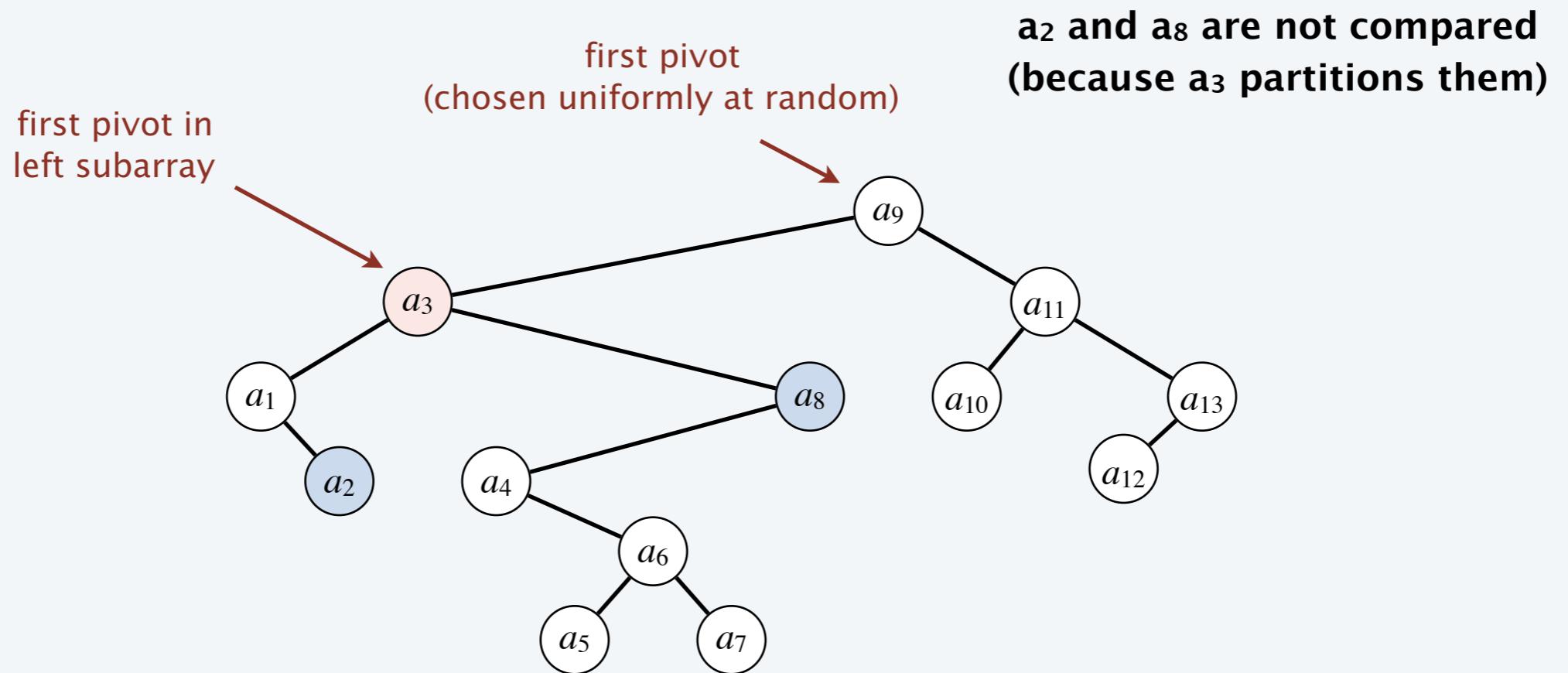


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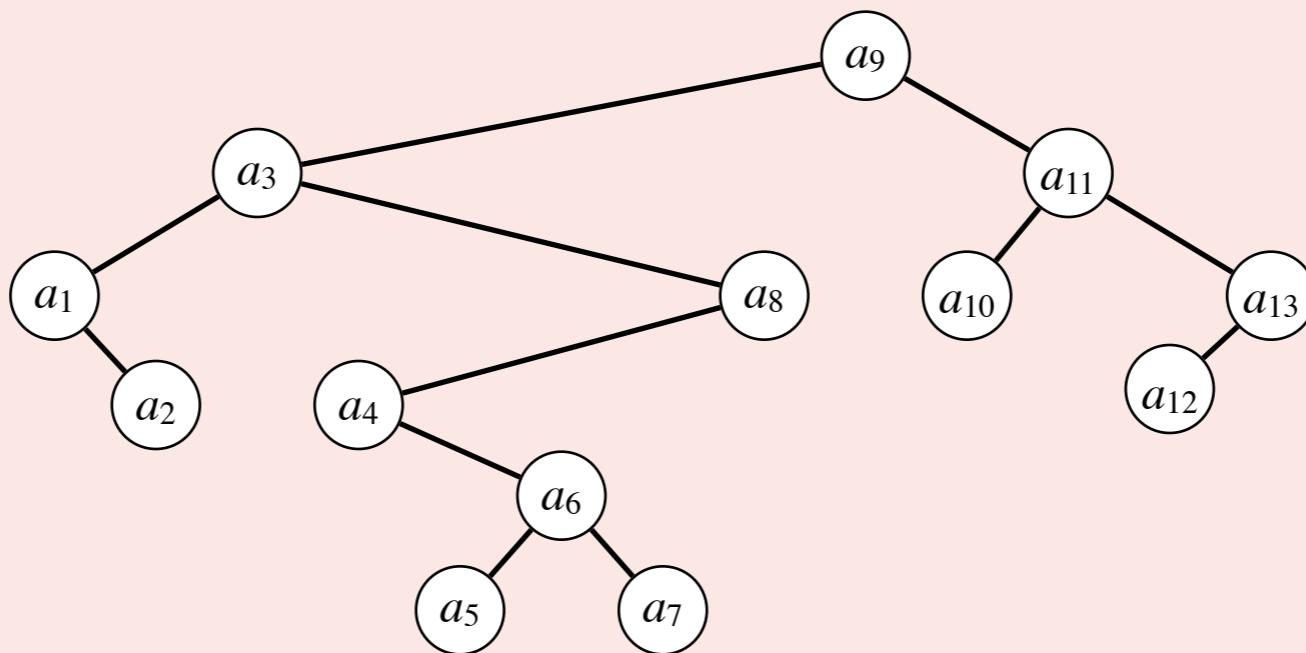
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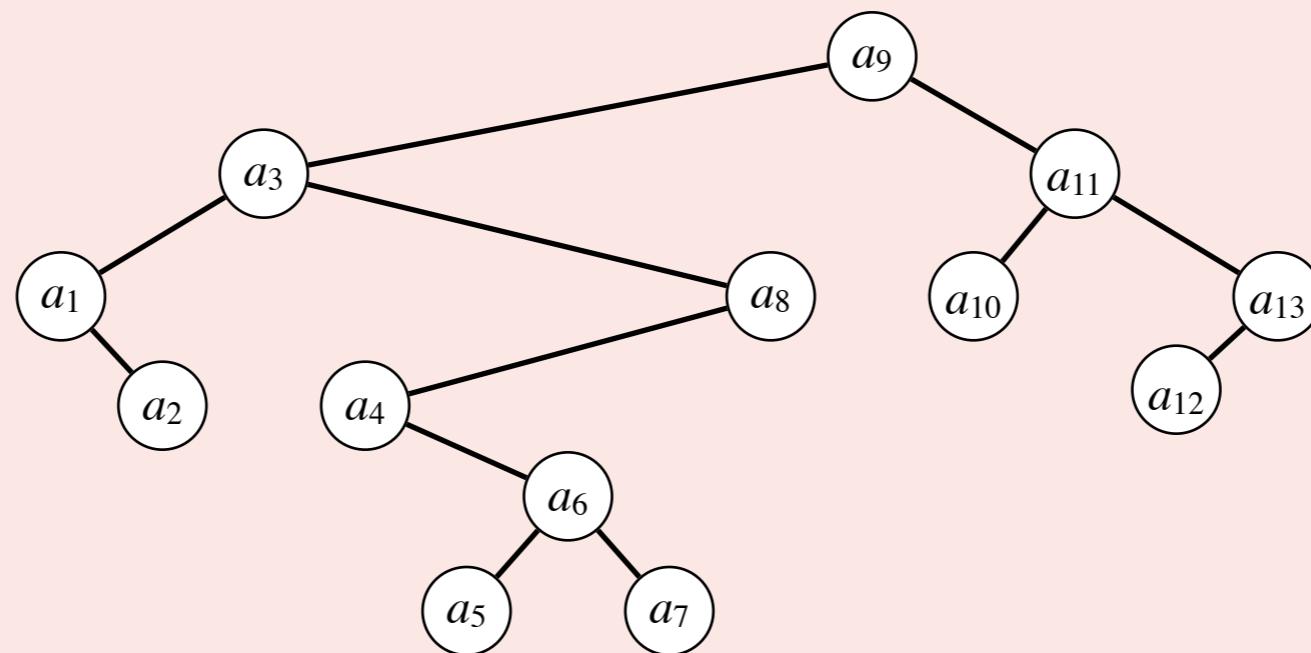
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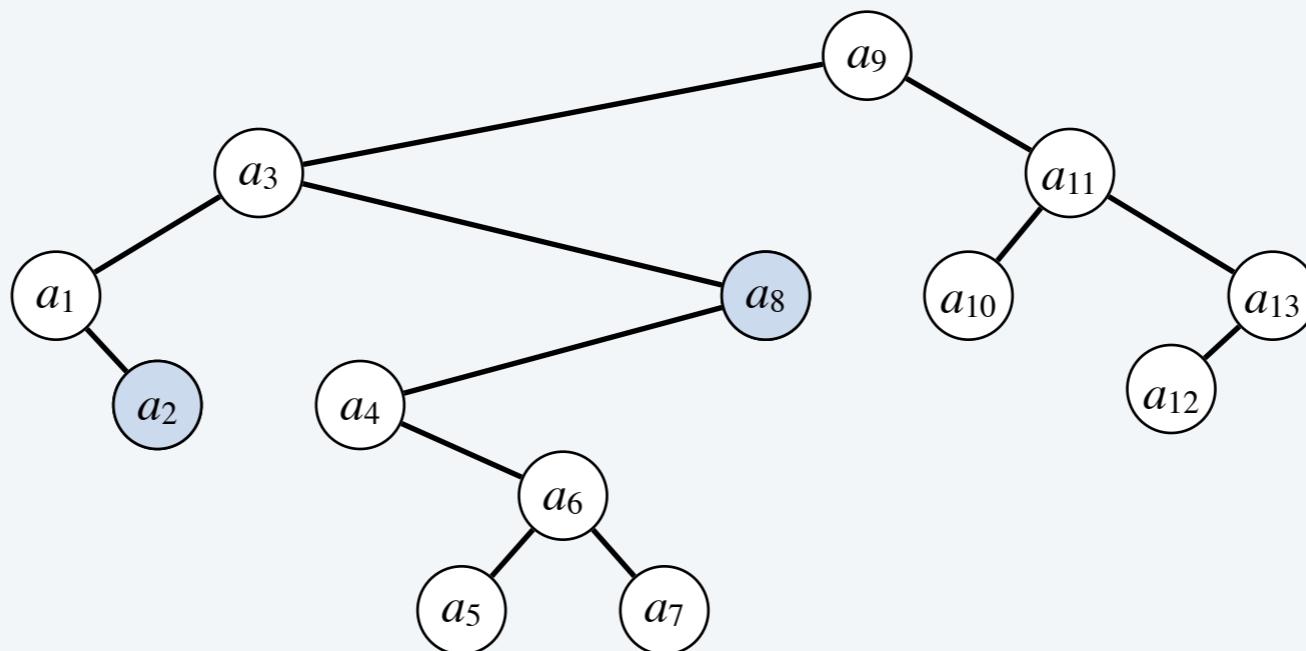
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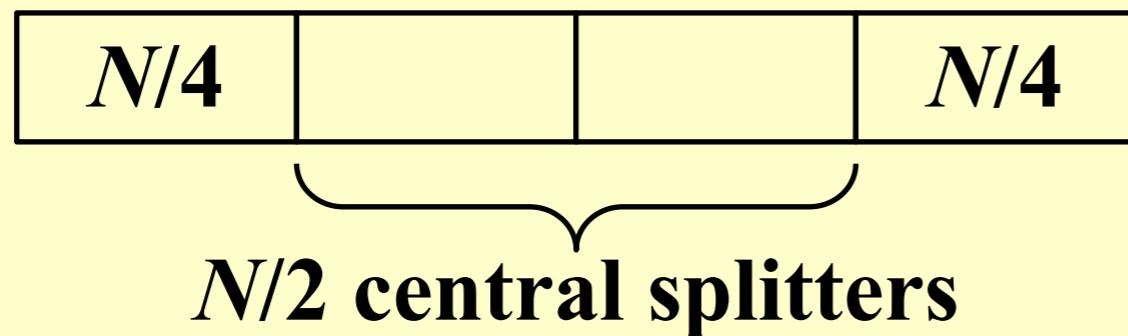
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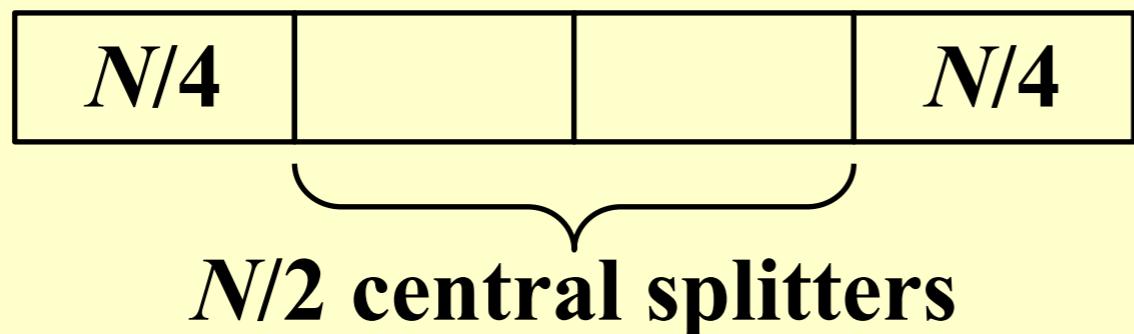
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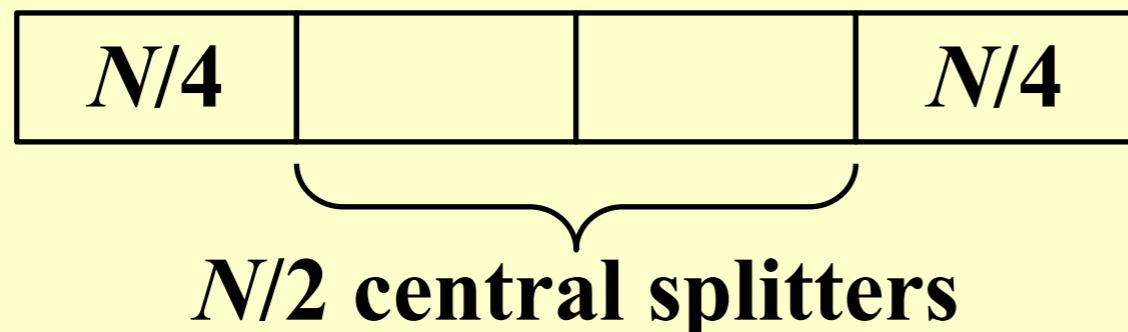


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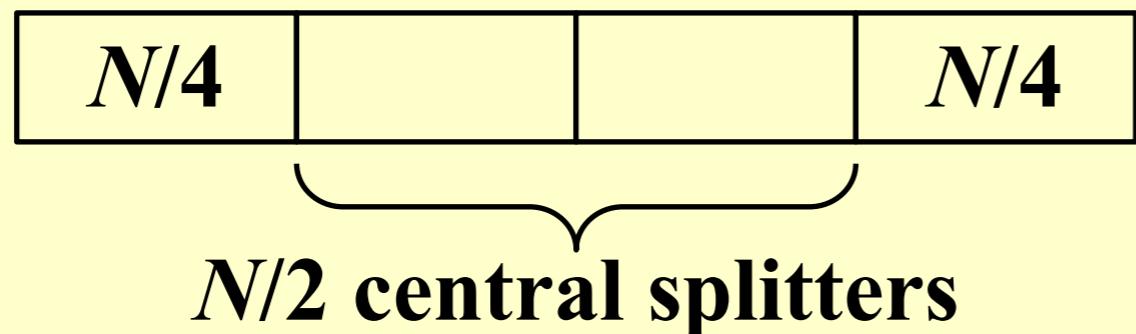
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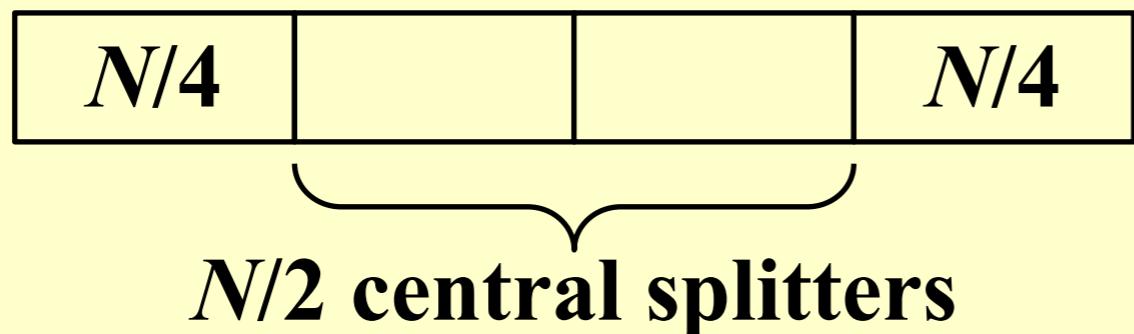
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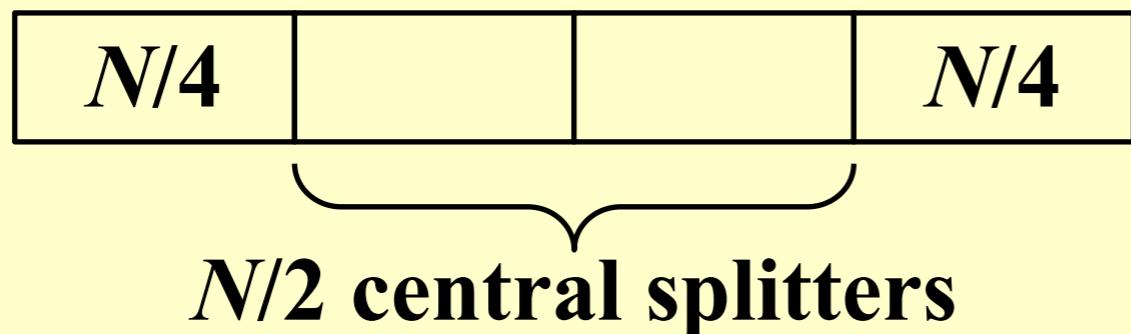


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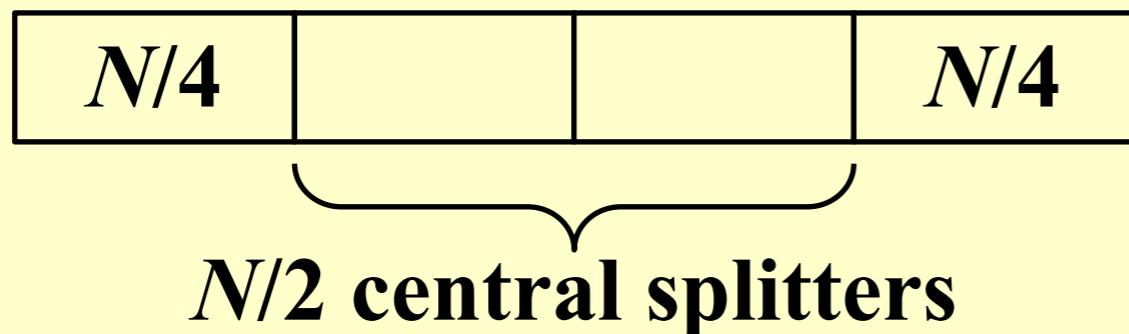
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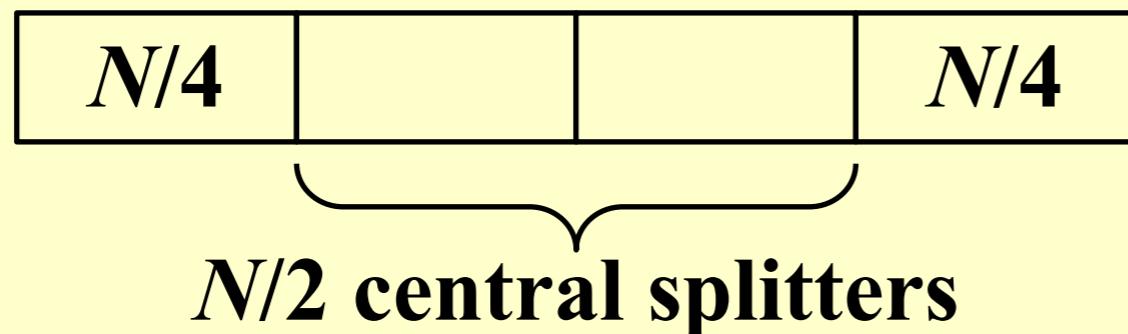
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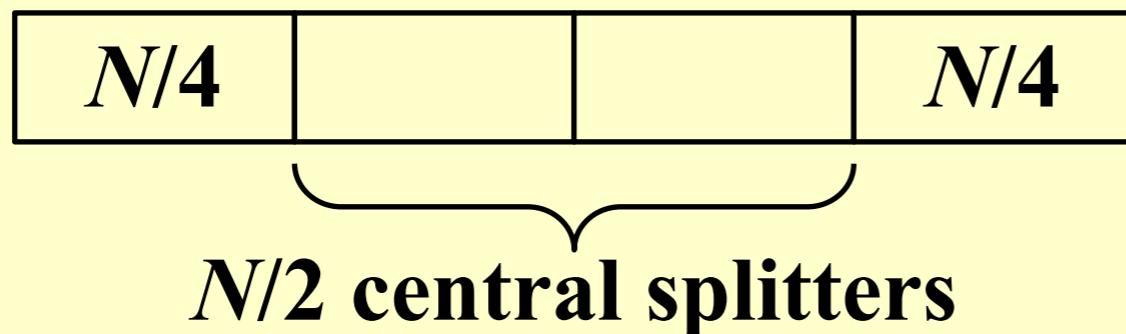
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$$\Pr[\text{find a central splitter}] = 1/2 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$E[T_{\text{type } j}] = O(N\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^j) \times \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{j+1} = O(N)$$

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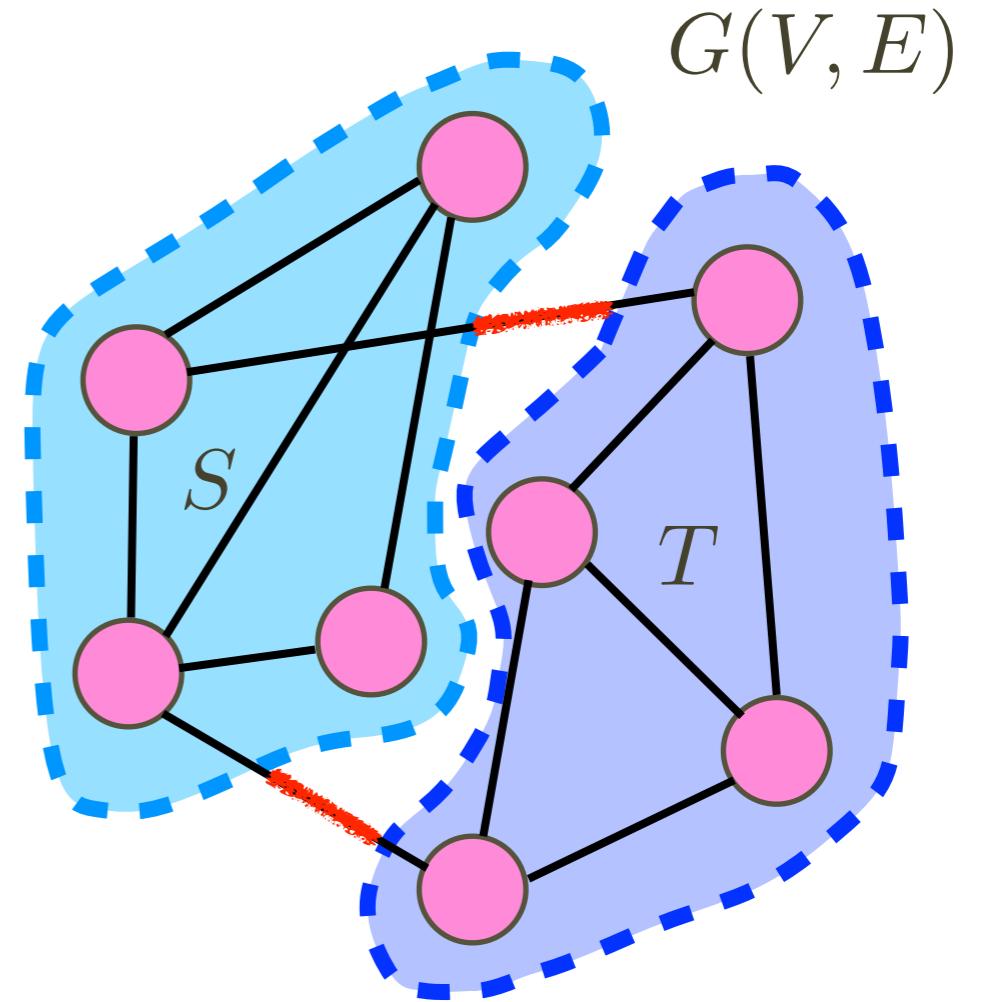
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Randomized Algorithms

- Hiring problem: probabilistic analysis
- Randomized hiring algorithm
- Randomized quicksort
- **Min-cut and max-cut**
- Take-home messages

Min-Cut

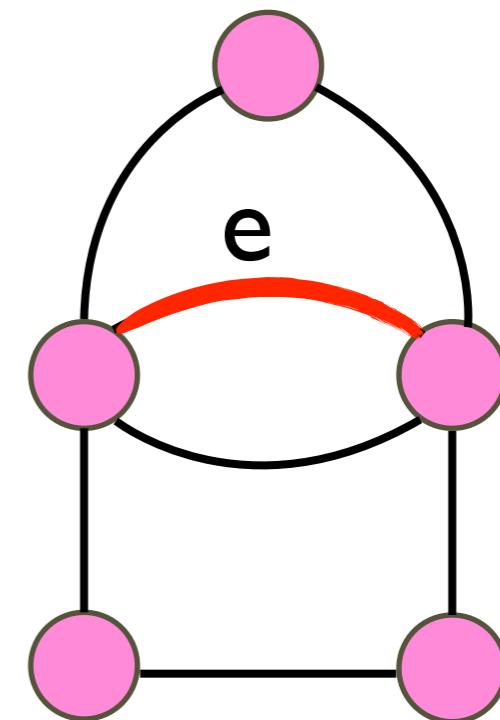
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 S and T
- **Minimize** the **cut** $E(S,T)$
- deterministic algorithm:
 - max-flow min-cut
 - best known upper bound:
 $O(mn + n^2 \log n)$



$$E(S, T) = \{uv \in E \mid u \in S, v \in T\}$$

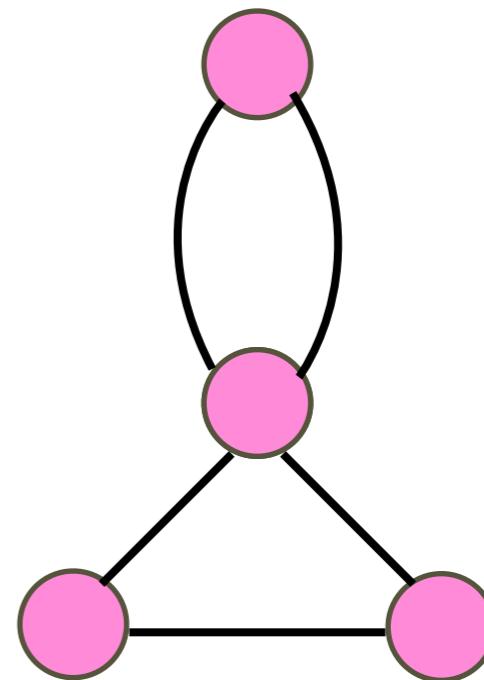
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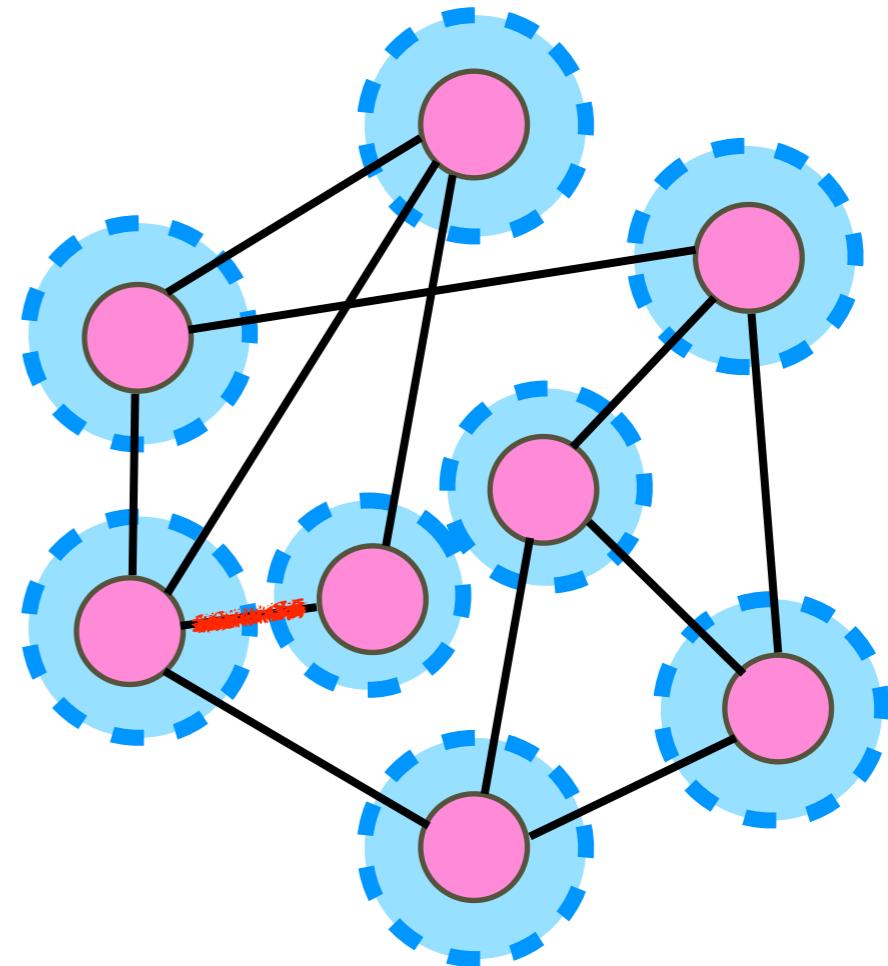
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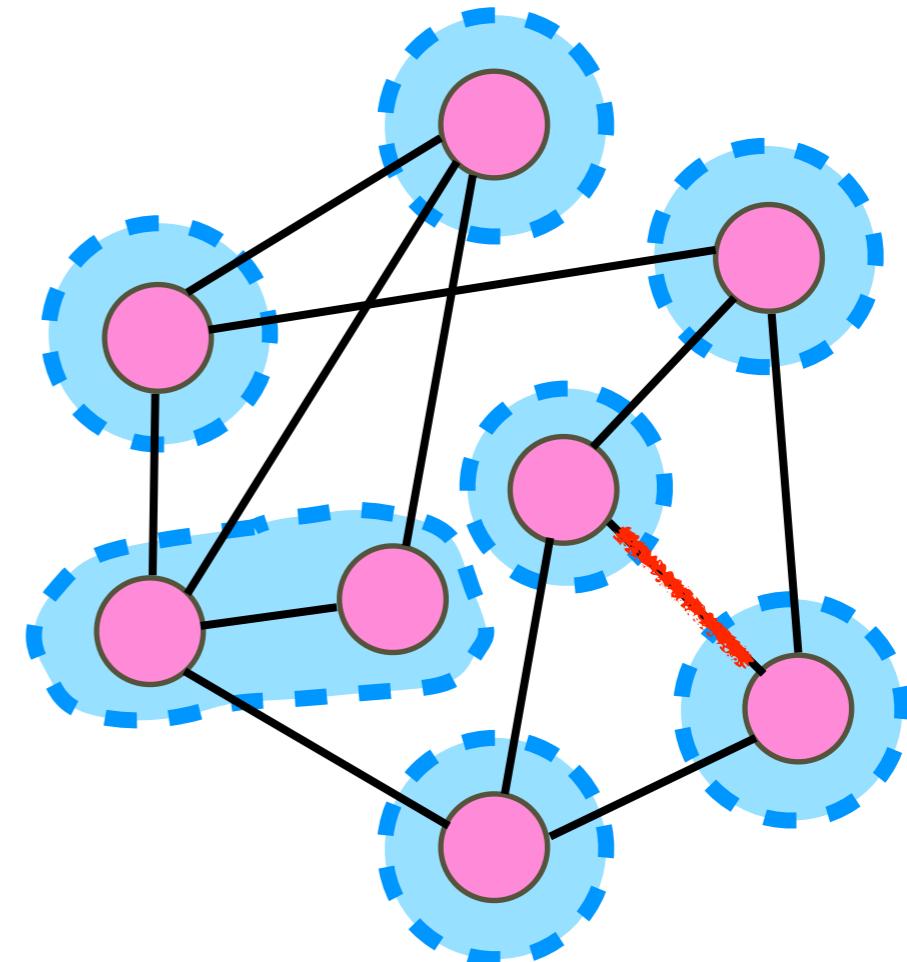
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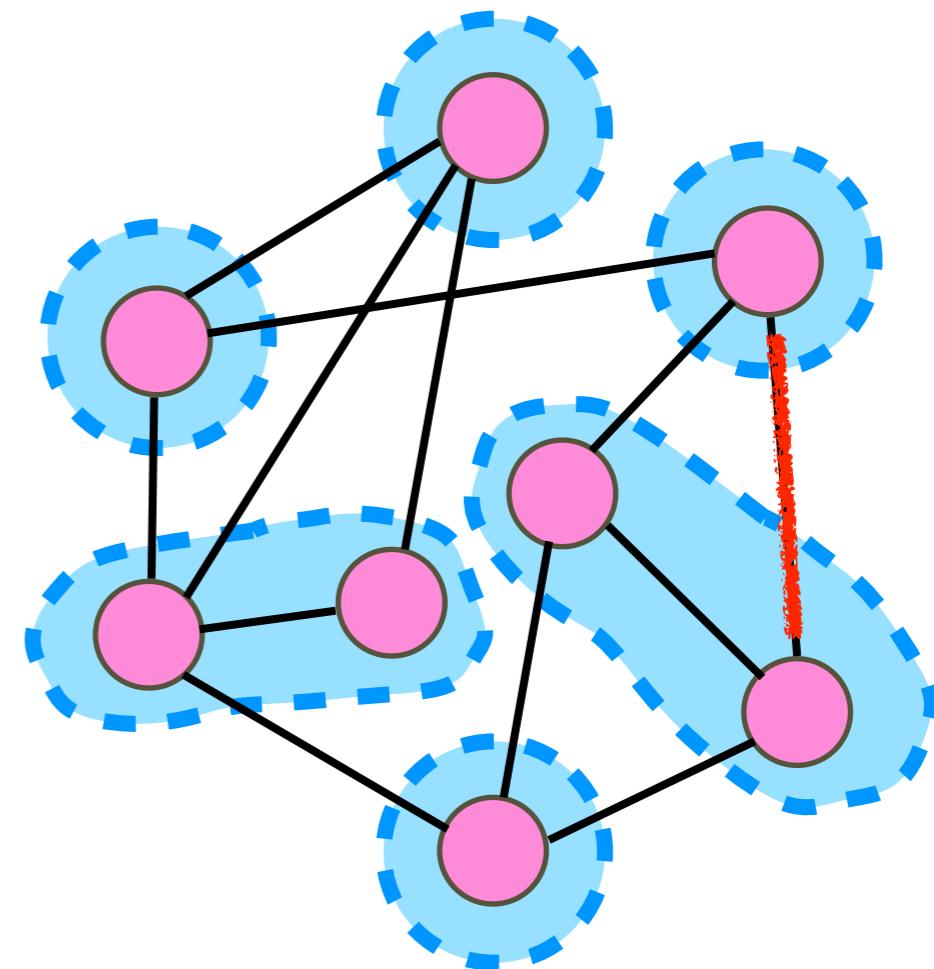
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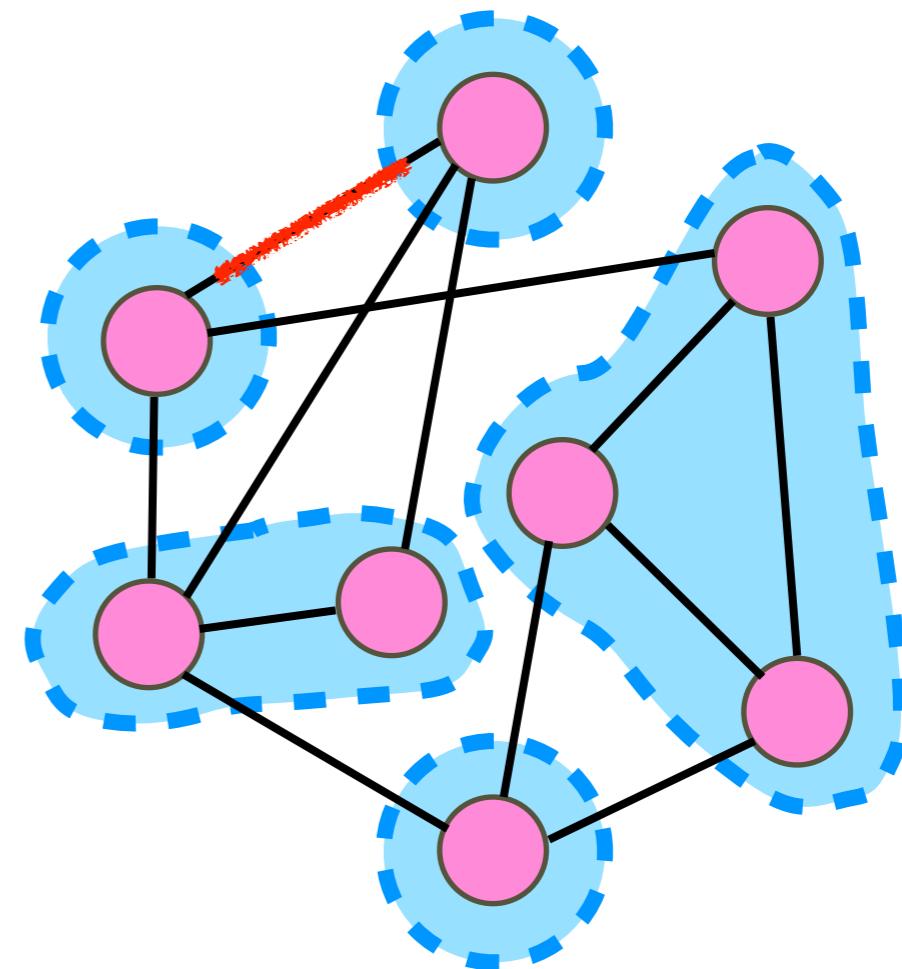
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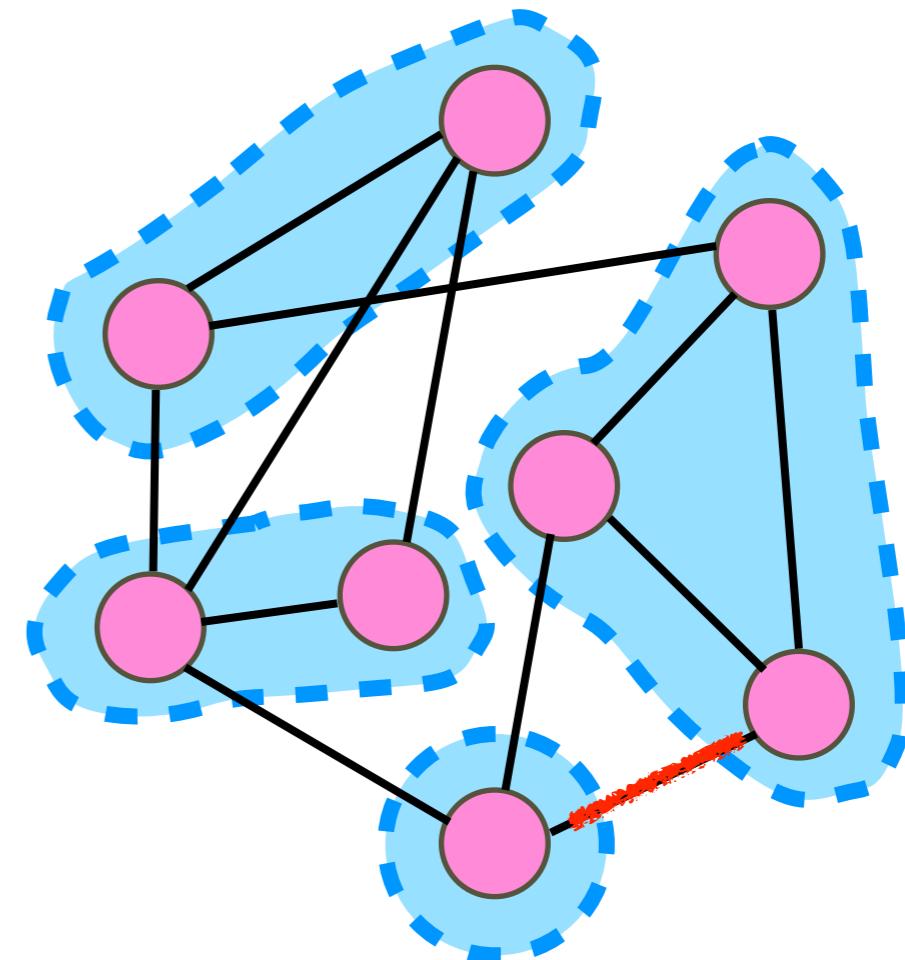
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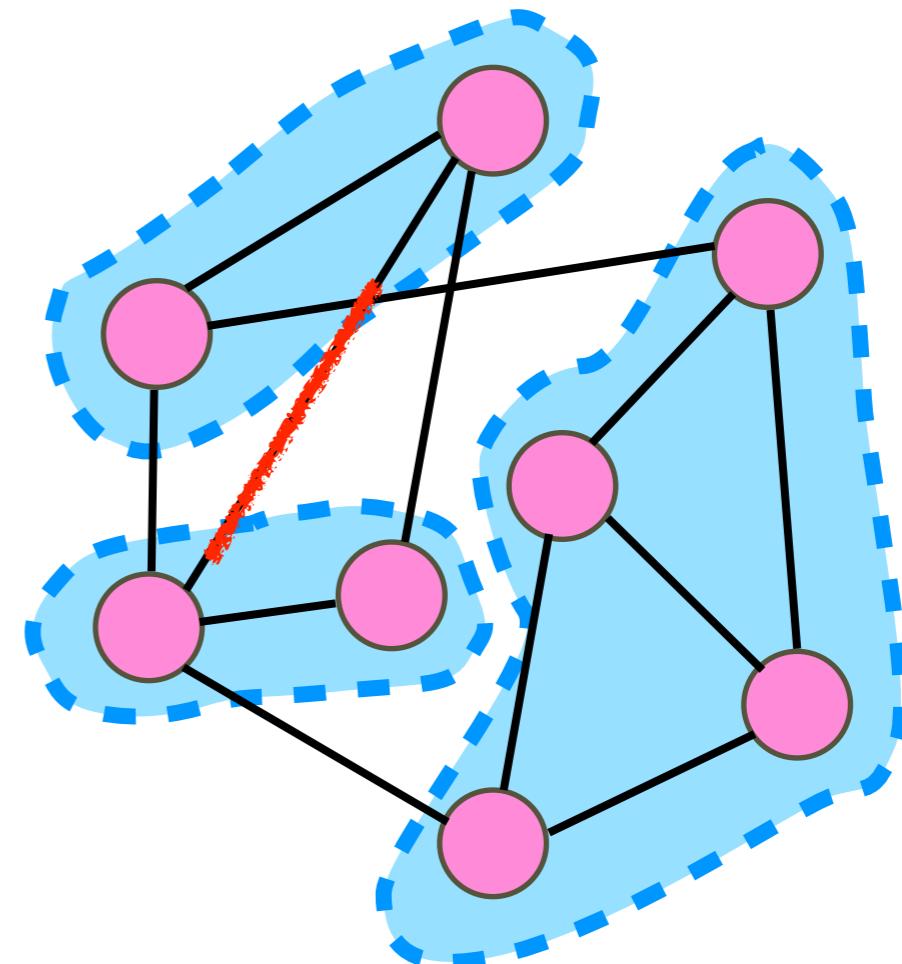
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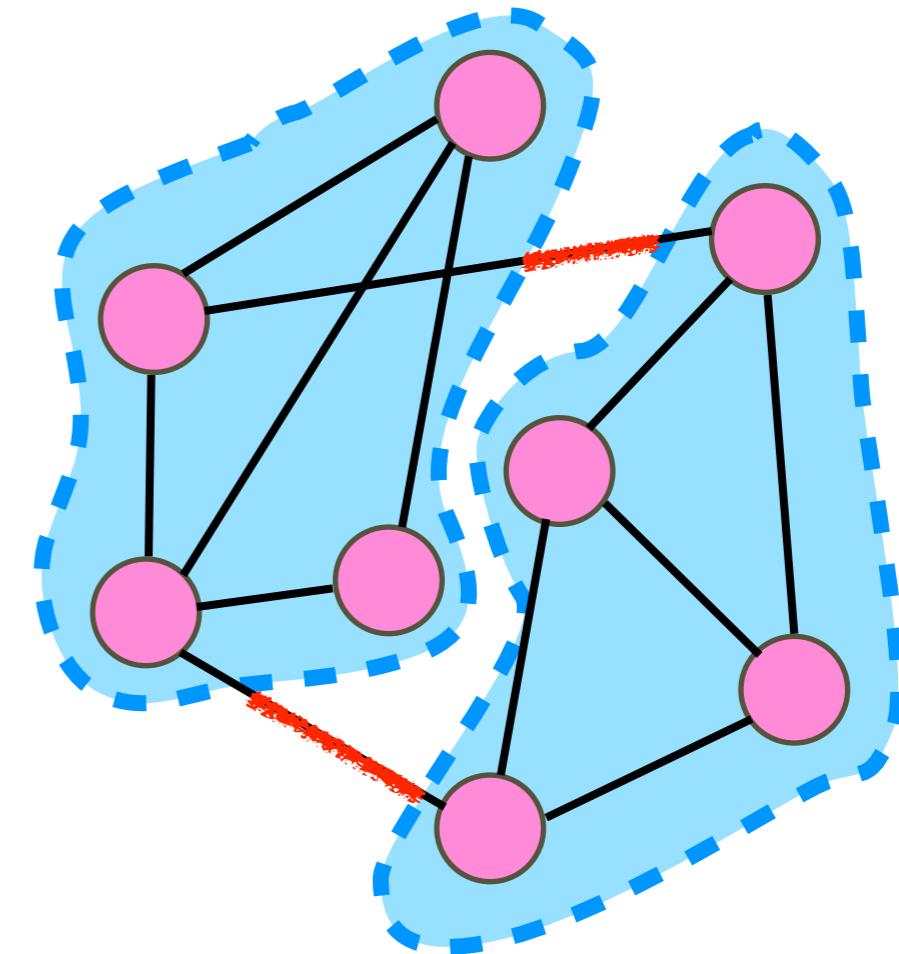
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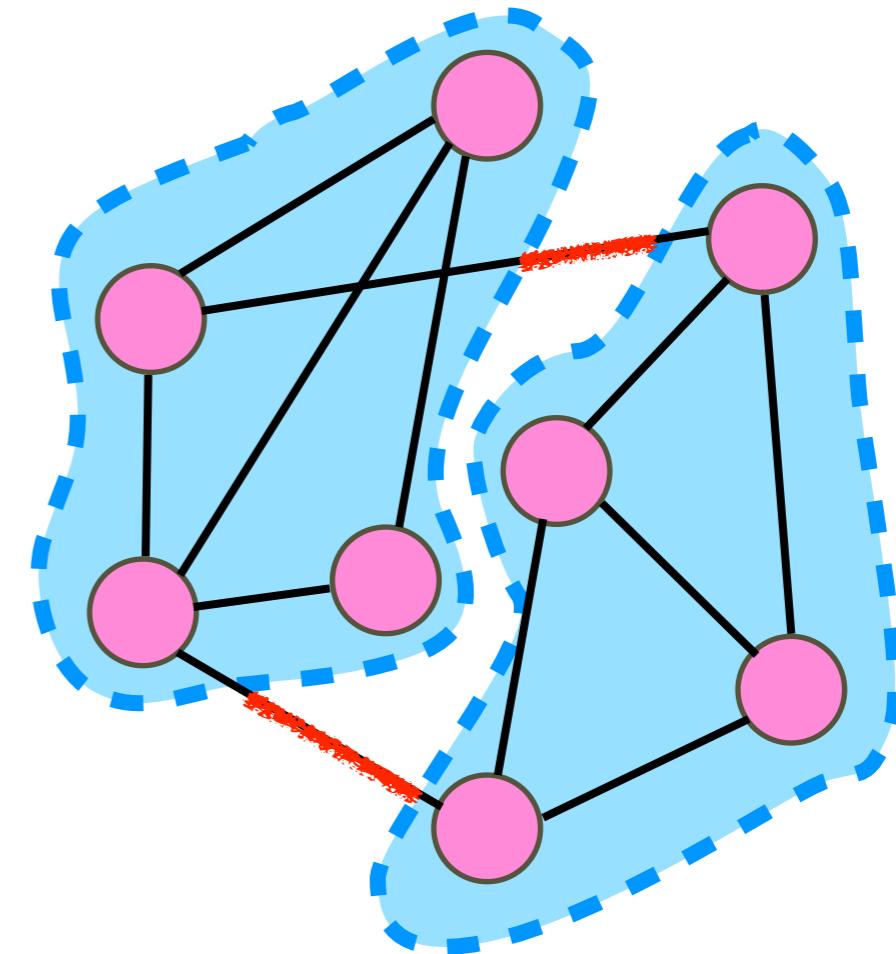
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$= \Pr[\text{fail to construct a min-cut in one trial}]^{n(n-1)/2}$

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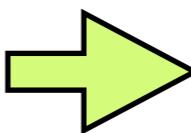
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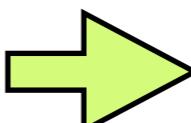
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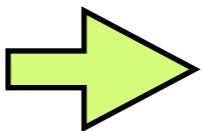
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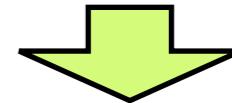
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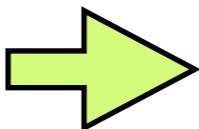
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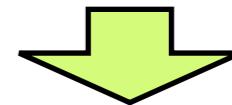
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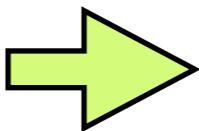
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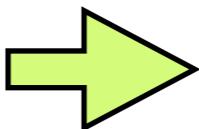
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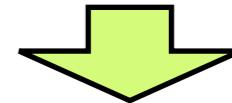
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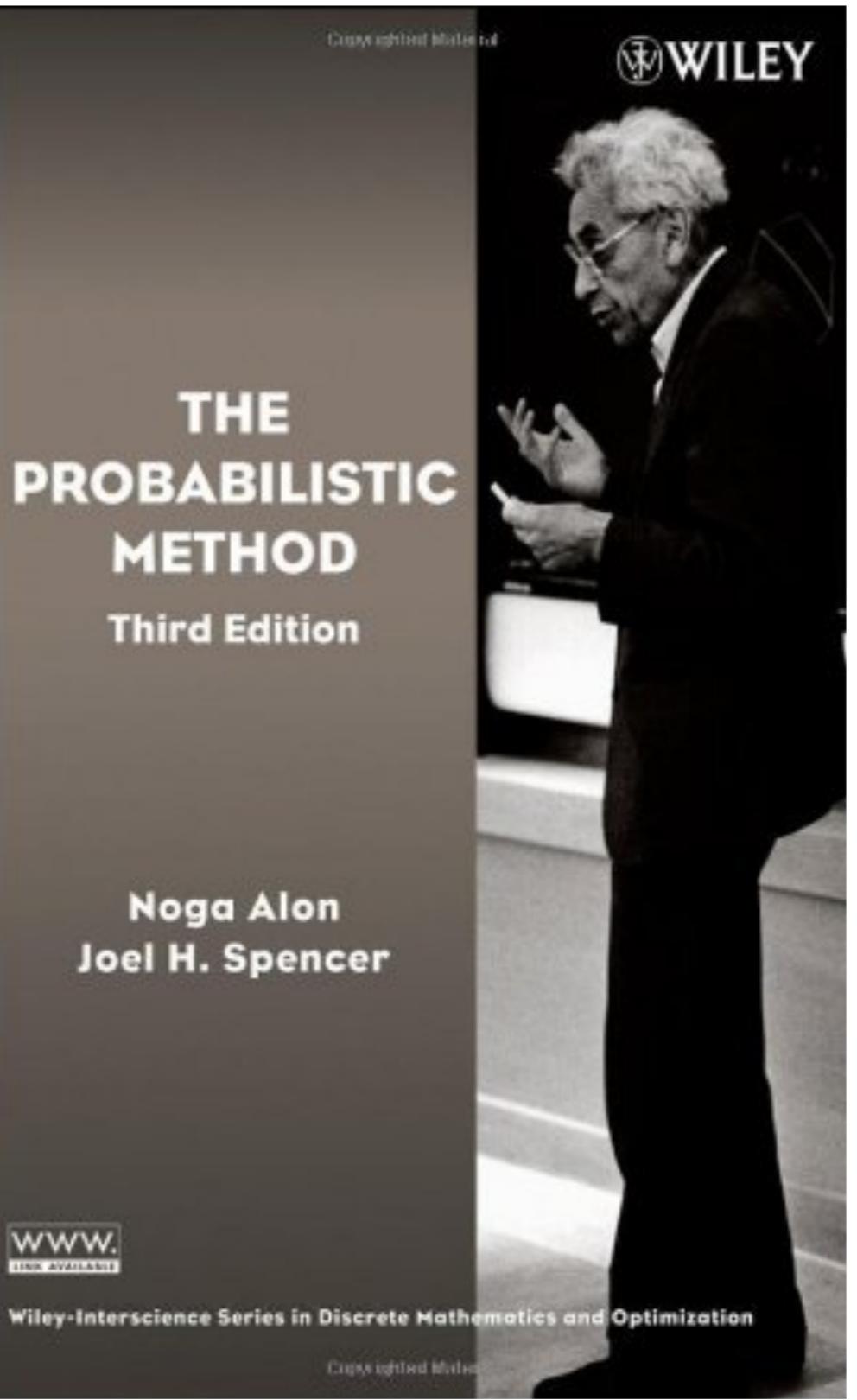
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An example of the probabilistic method.



An Observation

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only getting bad when t is small

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succeeds

$$\geq 1 - (1 - \Pr[A] \Pr[\text{FastCut}(G_1) \text{ succeeds} \mid A])^2$$

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running time: $T(n) = 2T\left(\left\lceil 1 + \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rceil\right) + O(n^2)$

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Theorem (Karger-Stein 1996):

FastCut runs in time $O(n^2 \log n)$ and
returns a min-cut with probability $\Omega(1/\log n).$

repeat *independently* for $O((\log n)^2)$ times

total running time: $O(n^2 \log^3 n)$

returns a min-cut with probability $1 - O(1/n)$

Take-Home Messages

- Probabilistic analysis:
 - Considering probability distributions over inputs for average analysis.
- Randomized algorithm:
 - Injection of randomness in running steps.
 - Relaxation by allowing uncertainty in correctness or running time.

Thanks for your attention!
Discussions?

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